Anno xxiii. Reginæ Elizabethæ.

At this preſent Seſſi-

on of Parliament by prorogation holden at VVeſtminſter the xvj. day of Ianuarie, in the xxiii. yeere of the reigne of our moſt gratious ſoueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, Queene, defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued vntill the xviii. day of March following.

To the high pleaſure of Almightie God, and the weale publique of this Realme, were enacted as followeth.

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Reginæ Elizabethæ.

An Acte to reteyne the Queenes Maieſties Subiectes in their due obedience.

Chapter. i.

WHERE ſithence the ſtatute made in the xiii. yeere of the reigne of the Queene our ſoueraine Lady, entituled, An Act againſt the bringing in and putting in execution of Bulles, Writings, and Inſtruments, and other ſuperſtitious things from the Sea of Rome, diuers euil affected perſons haue practiſed, contrary to the meaning of the ſaide Statute, by other meanes then by Bulles, or Inſtruments, written or printed, to withdraw diuers the Queenes Maieſties ſubiectes from their naturall obedience to her Maieſtie, to obey the ſaid vſurped auctoritie of Rome, and in reſpect of the ſame, to perſwade great nombers to withdraw their due obedience to her Maieſties lawes, eſtabliſhed for the due ſeruice of Almightie God.

For reformation whereof, and to declare the true meaning of the ſaide lawe: Be it declared, and enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliamēt, that all perſons whatſoeuer, which haue, or ſhal haue, or ſhal pretend to haue power, or ſhal by any wayes or meanes, put in practiſe to abſolue, perſwade, or withdraw any of the Queenes Maieſties ſubiects, or any within her highnes Realmes and Dominions, from their naturall obedience to her Maieſtie, or to withdrawe them for that intent from the religion now by her highnes auctoritie eſtabliſhed within her highnes Dominions, to the Romiſh religion, or to moue them, or any of them, to promiſe any obedience to any pretended auctoritie of the Sea of Rome, or of any other Prince, State, or Potentate, to be had or vſed within her dominions, or ſhall doe any ouert Acte, to that intent or purpoſe, and euery of them, ſhalbe to all in-

tentes adiudged to be traitors: and being thereof lawfully conuicted, shall haue iudgement, suffer and forfaite, as in case of high treason. And if any person shall after the end of this Session of Parliamẽt, by any meanes be willingly absolued, or withdrawn as aforesaid, or willingly be reconciled, or shall promise any obedience to any such pretended authorite, Prince, State or Potentate, as is aforesaid: that then euery such person, their procurers and counsellers thereunto, being therof lawfully conuicted, shalbe taken, tryed and iudged, and shall suffer and forfaite, as in cases of high treason.

And be it likewise enacted and declared, that all and euery person and persons, that shall wittingly be aiders, or maintainers of such persons so offending as is aboue expressed, or of any of them, knowing the same, or which shall conceale any offence aforesaide, and shall not within twentie dayes at the furthest, after such persons knowledge of such offence, disclose the same to some Justice of peace, or other higher officer, shalbe taken, tryed and iudged, and shall suffer and forfaite as offendors in misprision of treason.

And be it likewise enacted, that euery person which shal say or sing Masse, being thereof lawfully conuicted, shall forfaite the summe of CC. markes, and be committed to prison in the next gaole, there to remaine by the space of one yeere, and from thence-foorth till he haue payd the sayd summe of CC. markes: and that euery person which shall willingly heare Masse, shall forfaite the summe of one hundreth markes, and suffer imprisonment for a yeere.

Be it also further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery person aboue the age of xvi. yeeres, which shal not repaire to some Church, Chappel or vsuall place of common prayer, but forbeare the same, contrary to the tenor of a statute made in the first yeere of her Maiesties reigne, for vniformitie of common prayer, and being thereof lawfully conuicted, shall forfaite to the Queenes Maiestie for euery moneth after thend of this Session of Parliament, which he or she shal so forbeare, twentie pounds of lawfull English money: and that ouer and besides the said forfeitures, euery person so forbearing, by the space of xii. moneths as aforesaid, shall for his or her obstinacie, after certificate therof in writing made into the Court, commonly called the Kinges Benche, by the Ordinarie of the Dioceese, a Justice of assise and Gaole deliuerie, or a Justice of peace of the Countie where such offendor shall dwell or be, be bound with two sufficient sureties in the summe of two hundreth pound at the least to the good behauiour,

behauiour, and so to continue bound vntill such time as the persons so bound do conforme themselues, and come to the Church, according to the true meaning of the sayde statute made in the sayd first yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne.

And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons, body politike or corporate, after ỳ feast of Pentecost next cõming, shall keepe or maintaine any Scholemaster, which shall not repaire to Church as is aforesaid, or be alowed by the Bishop or Ordinarie of the Diocesse, where such Scholemaster shalbe so kept, shall forfaite and lose for euery moneth so keeping him, ten poundes.

(Prouided, that no such Ordinarie or their ministers, shal take any thing for the sayde allowance) And such Scholemaster or teacher presuming to teach contrary to this act, and being thereof lawfully conuict, shalbe disabled to be a teacher of youth, and shall suffer imprisonment without baile or mainepryse for one yeere.

And be it likewise enacted, that all and euery offences against this acte, or against the actes of the first, fift, or xiii. yeeres of her Maiesties reigne, touching acknowledging of her Maiesties supreme gouernement in causes Ecclesiasticall, or other matters touching the seruice of God, or comming to Church, or establishment of true religion in this Realme, shall and may be inquirable, aswell before Justices of peace, as other Justices named in the same statutes within one yeere and a day after euery such offence committed: any thing in this acte or in any other act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Be it likewise enacted, that Justices of Oyer and Terminer, and Justices of assise, and of Gaole deliuerie, in their seuerall limits, shall haue power to enquire, heare and determine of all offences against this statute: and Justices of peace in their open quarter Sessions of peace, shal haue power by vertue of this act to enquire, heare and determine of all offences against this acte, (except treason, and misprision of treason.)

Prouided alway, that euery person guilty of any offẽce against this statute other then treason, and misprision of treason, which shal before he be thereof indicted, or at his arraignement, or trial before iudgement, submit, and conforme himselfe before the Bishop of the Diocesse where he shalbe resident, or before the Justices where he shalbe indicted, arraigned, or tried, (hauing not before made like submission at any his tryall being indicted for his first like offence) shall vpon his recognicion of such submission in open assises or sessions of ỳ Countie where such person shalbe resident, be discharged of all and euery the said offẽces against this

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acte (except treason and misprision of treason) and of all paines and forfeitures for the same.

And be it likewise enacted, that al forfeytures of any summes of money limited by this act, shalbe deuided in three equal parts, whereof one thirde part shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie to her owne vse, one other third part to the Queenes Maiestie for reliefe of the poore in the parish where the offence shalbe cõmitted, to be deliuered by warraunt of the principall officers in the receipt of the Eschequer, without further warrant from her Maiestie, and the other third part to such person as will sue for the same in any Court of Record by action of debt, bill, plaint, or informatiõ, in which suite no Essoine, Protection, or wager of law shalbe allowed: And that euery person which shall forfaite any summes of money by vertue of this act, and shall not be able, or shall faile to pay the same within three moneths after iudgement thereof giuen, shalbe committed to prison, there to remaine, vntill he haue payd the sayde summes, or conforme himselfe to goe to Church, and there doe as is aforesaid.

Prouided also, that euery person, which vsually on the Sunday shall haue in his or her house the diuine seruice which is established by the law in this Realme, and be thereat himselfe or herself vsually or most commonly present, and shall not obstinately refuse to come to Church, and there to doe as is aforesaid, and shall also foure times in the yeere at the least be present at the diuine seruice in the Church of the parish where he or she shalbe residẽt, or in some other open common Church or such Chappell of ease, shall not incurre any paine or penaltie limited by this act for not repairing to Church.

And be it likewise enacted and declared, that euery graunt, conueyance, bond, iudgement, and execution, had, or made, since the beginning of this Session of Parliament, or hereafter to be had, or made, of couenous purpose to defraude any interest, right or title, that may or ought to grow to the Queene, or to any other person by meane of any conuiction or iudgement, by vertue of this statute, or of the said statute of the sayd xiii. yeere, shalbe, and be adiudged to be vtterly voide against the Queene, and against such as shall sue for any part of the saide penalties in forme aforesayd.

Prouided alway, that if any Peere of this Realme shall happen to be indicted of any offence made treason or misprision of treason by this act, he shall haue his tryall by his Peeres, as in other like cases is accustomed.

Prouided also, that neither this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned,

conteyned, shall extend to take away or abbridge the authoritie or iurisdictiō of the Ecclesiastical Censures for any cause or matter, but that the Archbishops and Bishops, and other Ecclesiastical Iudges may do & proceede, as before the making of this acte they lawfully did or might haue done, any thing in this act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An acte against seditious wordes and rumours, vttered against the Queenes most excellent Maiestie.

Chapter. ii.

WHereas in and by the lawes & statutes of this Realme already made & ordeyned against seditious words and rumours, vttered against the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, there is not sufficient and condigne punishmēt prouided for to suppresse the malice of such as bee euill affected towardes her highnesse: Be it therefore enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that if any person or persons, after the ende of fortie dayes next ensuing the ende of this present Session of Parliament, shall aduisedly, and with a malicious intent of his or their owne imagination, speake any false, seditious, & sclanderous newes, rumours, sayings or tales against our sayde most naturall Soueraygne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie (that now is,) That then al, and euery such person and persons so offending, being thereof lawfully conuicted or attainted, in fourme hereafter in this present act expressed, shall for euery such first offence, eyther bee in some market place within the Shyre, Citie, or Borough where the sayde woordes

were, or shalbe so spoken, set openly vpon the Pillorie, by ỳ Sherife or his ministers, if it shall fortune to be without any citie, or towne corporate: And if it shall happen to be within any citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or his or their ministers, and there to haue both his eares cut off, or at the election of the offendour pay two hundreth pounds to the Queenes Highnesses vse in her Maiesties receipt of the Exchequer, within two monethes next after the iudgement giuen of his saide offence, and also shall suffer imprisonment by the space of sixe moneths after such his or their conuiction, without bayle or mayneprise.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons, which after the ende of the sayde fourtie dayes, shall aduisedly and with a malicious intent against our saide Soueraigne Lady report any false, seditious & slaunderous newes, rumours, or tales to the sclander and defamation of our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie (that nowe is) of the speaking or reporting of any other, that then all and euery such person or persons so reporting, being thereof conuicted and attaynted in fourme hereafter in this act expressed, shall for euery such first offence, eyther be in some market place within the Shire, Citie, Borough, or Towne where the saide wordes were, or shalbe so reported, set openly vpon the Pillorie by the Sheriffe or his ministers, if it shall fortune to be without any citie or towne corporate, and if it shall happen to be within any citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or his or their ministers, and there to haue one of his eares cut off, or at the election of the offendor pay two hundreth markes to the Queenes highnesses vse, in her Maiesties saide receite of the Exchequer, within two moneths next after the iudgement giuen of his sayde offence, and also shall suffer imprisonment by the space of three moneths after such his or their conuiction, without baile or mainprise.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, once lawfully conuicted for any of the offences aforesayde, do afterwardes eftsones offende in any of the offences aforesayde, that then euery such seconde offence to bee deemed and adiudged felonie, and the offendour and the offendours therein, to suffer such paynes of death and forfaiture, as in case of felonie, without any benefite of Cleargie, or sanctuarie to be alowed vnto the offender in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that if

any perſon or perſons, after the ende of the ſayde fourtie dayes, either within this Realme, or in any other the Queenes dominions, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions, ſhall adviſedly and with a malicious intent againſt our ſayd Soueraigne Lady, deuiſe, and write, print, or ſet forth any maner of booke, tyme, ballade, letter or writing, conteyning any falſe, ſeditious, and ſclanderous matter to the defamation of the Queenes Maieſtie, (that now is) or to the incouraging, ſtirring or moouing of any inſurrection or rebellion within this Realme, or any the dominions belonging to the ſame, or if any perſon or perſons after the ende of the ſayde fourtie dayes, either within this Realme or other the Queenes dominions, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions, ſhall adviſedly, and with a malicious intent againſt our ſayd Soueraigne Lady, procure or cauſe any ſuch booke, tyme, ballade, letter, or writing, to be written, printed, publiſhed or ſet forth, and the ſame offence not being punishable by the Statutes made in the fiue and twentieth yeere of the reigne of king Edwarde the thirde concerning treaſon, or declaration of treaſon, or by any other Statute whereby any offence is made or declared treaſon: That then euery ſuch offence ſhall be deemed and adiudged felonie, and the offendours therein being thereof conuicted and attainted, ſhall ſuffer ſuch paines of death and forfeitures, as in caſe of felonie is vſed, without any benefite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie to be allowed vnto the offendour or offendours therein.

And for that diuers perſons euill diſpoſed, and forgetting their duetie and allegiance, haue offered not only wiſhed her Maieſties death, but alſo by diuers meanes prattiſed and ſought to procure the ſame: Be it therefore enacted by the authoritie aforeſayde, that if any perſon or perſons, of what eſtate, condition, or degree ſoeuer he or they be, at any tyme after the ende of the ſayde fourtie dayes, and during the life of our ſayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie (that now is) or that within her Highneſſes Dominions, or without, ſhall by ſetting or erecting of any figure or figures, or by caſting of natiuities, or by calculation, or by any ſophecying, witchcraft, conjuration, or ſorcerie, or by any vnlawfull meanes whatſoeuer, ſeeke to knowe, and ſhall ſet forth by expreſſe wordes, deedes, or writings, how long her Maieſtie ſhall liue or continue,

or who shal reigne as king or Queene of this realme of England after her highnesses decease. Or else shall aduisedly and with a malicious intent against her highnesse, utter any maner of direct prophecies to any such intent or purpose, or shall maliciously by any woordes, writing, or printing, wish, will or desire the death or deprivation of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie (that now is) or any thing directly to the same effect, that then euery such offence shalbe felonie, and euery offendour and offendours therein, and also all his or their aydours, procurers, and abetters in or to the sayde offences, shalbe iudged as felons, and shall suffer such paynes of death and forfeitures, as in case of felonie is used, without any benefite of Cleargie, or Sanctuarie.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the Justices of the Court commonly called the Kinges Bench, Justices of Oyer and determiner, Justices of Assises in their seueral circuytes, and Justices of generall gaole delyuerie, as well within libertyes, as without, within the Limyts of their seueral commyssions, shall by vertue hereof haue full power and authoritie to inquire of, and to heare, and determine all and euery the offences aforesaide, and that the pactie indicted and arraigned of any the offences aforesaide, shall haue aduantage of all maner of challenges to the Jurie, as in case of felony is used.

And also that all Justices of peace, as well within Liberties as without, within the Limits of their seuerall Commissions, in their generall or quarter Sessions, shall by vertue hereof haue full power and authoritie, to inquire of all and euery the offences aforesaide, and to cause the offendor and offendours therein to be indicted without any further proceeding therein. And that also euery Justice of peace within the Limits of his commission, shall haue full power and authoritie, to commit any person being vehemently suspected of any of the saide offences, to warde, vnlesse he doe put in suretyes, to make his personall apparaunce at the next quarter Sessions or gaole delyuerie, and in defaulte of finding such sureties, then to commit him to prison, there to remayne, vntil he shal find sureties for his apparaunce, as is aforesaide.

And be it further enacted by the Authoritie aforesaide, that all offences made felonye by this acte, which hereafter shalbe done or committed by any person or persons out of this Realme of England, shalbe from henceforth inquired of, heard, and determined before the Queenes Maiestie Justices of her bench for plees to be holden before her selfe, by good & lawfull men of the same County, where the same bench shalbe kept in like maner and

and forme to all intentes and purposes, as if the same offences had bene done and committed within the same County where they shall so be enquired of, heard and determyned: Any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that no maner of person or persons, shalbe molested or impeached for any of the offences, concerning speaking or reporting as is aforesaide, vnlesse he or they be thereof accused within one moneth next after such wordes so spoken or reported, before some one Justice of peace, and the witnesses therein to bee vsed, named to the same Justice, and the same accusation and witnesses names put in wryting by the said Justice, and certyfied at the next quarter Sessions or gaole deliuerye: And vnlesse such offendor also bee indicted, within one yeere next after his or their saide offence so supposed to be committed or done.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that euery such Maior or Maiors, Bailiffe, or other head officer of Cities, Boroughs, and Townes corporate, which haue or hereafter shal haue Jurisdiction and aucthorytie, within the seueral Lymyts of their office or offices, to holde and keepe Sessions, as Justice or Justices of the peace, shall and may by the authorytie hereof, aswell arest and commit to warde or baile, in maner and forme aforesaid, al and euery person and persons, being vehemently suspected of any the offences aforesaid, as also to inquire of al and euery the offences aforesaid, and to proceede to the indicting of euery such offendor without any further proceeding therin, Any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that this present acte shalbe proclaymed in all the Counties within this Realme, before the ende of eyght and twentie dayes next ensuyng the ende of this present Session of Parliament, to the intent that all persons may haue notice thereof, and thereby to auoyde the perill and daunger that may ensue by offending against the same.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the Peeres of this Realme, and euery of them that shall hereafter fortune to be indicted of any the offences aforesaide, shalbe tryed by their Peeres, as before hath bene accustomed in cases of treason and felonie.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that this Acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, nor any attaynder or attaynders of any person or persons, for any offence or offences made Felonie by this Acte, shall in any wise extend or be adiudged, interpreted, or expounded, to make the offendor or of-

fendors to forfeite or lose any landes, tenementes or hereditaments any longer, then onely during his owne life; or to make any corruption of blood to any the heire or heires of any such offendor or offendors, or to make the wife of any such offendor to lose or forfeite her dower or title of dower; of or in any Landes, Tenements, or Hereditamentes, other action or interest to the same: Any thing in this Acte conteyned, or any arrayndor or arrayndors hereafter to be had; for any offence or offences made Felonie by this Acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons shalbe hereafter indicted or arrayned, for any offence or offences touching or concerning speaking or reporting as aforesaide, vnlesse the same offence or offences be proued by the testimonie, depositions and othes of two sufficient witnesses, at the time of his or their Iudictment, which sayde witnesses also at the time of the arraignement of the partie so indicted, shalbe brought foorth in person before the partie so arraygned, face to face, and there shall openly declare all they can say against the sayde partie so indicted, vnlesse the sayde partie so indicted, shall wilfully and without violence confesse the same.

And be it likewise enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that the Statute of the first and second yeres of king Philippe and Queene Marie, entituled, An Acte against seditious words and rumors, and one other Acte of Parliament made in the first yere of the raigne of our said soueraigne Lady the Queene Maiestie, (that now is) whereby it is prouided and enacted, that the sayde former Acte shall extende to and for our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that now is, and euery clause, article, and sentence in euery of the sayd Actes and Statutes, shall from and after the Proclamation of this Acte, be repealed and voyde to all intentes and purposes, for so long time as this Acte shall continue in full strength and perfection.

And be it likewise enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that this Acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, shall haue continuance, or be in force for any longer time, then onely during the naturall life of our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, that now is, to whome God long preserue to his glorie, her Highnesse honour and quietnes, and to the comon wealth of all her Maiesties Dominions. Amen.

An Act for the reformation of errours, in fines and recoueries.

Chap. iii.

FOR the appeasing of suites, the auoiding of false practises, deceiptes, deuises and misdemeanours, and for helping of negligences and misprisions of Clerkes and Officers, daungerous to assurances of mens landes and hereditamentes: Be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, our soueraigne Ladie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that euery writ of Couenaunt, and other writ, whereupon any fine heretofore hath byn leuyed, or hereafter shalbe leuyed, the returne thereof, the writte of Dedimus potestatem, made for the knowledging of any of the same Fines, the returne thereof, the concorde, note and foote of euery such Fine, the proclamations made thereupon, and the kinges siluer. And also euery originall writ of Entree in the poste or other writ, whereupon any common recouery hath bene suffered, or hereafter shalbe suffered or passed, the writtes of Sum: iiii. warrantizand. the returnes of the said Originals and writtes of Sum: xd warrantizand, and euery warrant of Attourney, had or to bee had, as well of euery deuisant and tenant as vouchee extant and remaining, or that shalbe extant and in being, may vpon the request or election of any person, be intolled in rolles of parchement by such persons, and for such considerations as hereafter in this Acte shalbe mentioned, and that the inrollementes, of the same or of any part thereof, shalbe of as good force and validitie in lawe to all intentes, respectes and purposes, for so much of any of them so inrolled, as the same being extant and remaining,

were or ought by lawe to be.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no fine, proclamations vpon fines, or common recouery heretofore had, leuied, suffered or passed, or hereafter to be had, leuied, suffered or passed, shalbe reuersed or reuersable by any writ of errour for false or incongrue Latin, rasure, enterlining, misentring of any warrant of attourney, or of any proclamation, misreturning or not returning of the Sheriffe, or other wante of forme in wordes, and not in matter of substance.

Prouided alwayes, that this Acte nor any thing therein conteined, shall barre or exclude any person or persons from any writ of errour, which shalbe had, taken or pursued, within fiue yeeres next after the ende of the Session of this present parliament, vpon any fine or recouerie heretofore had or suffered. Nor from any writ of errour which shalbe had, taken or pursued, vpon any fine or recouery, heretofore leuied, knowleged or had, which fine or fines, recouerie or recoueries, or any part or parcel of them, or any of them now is, or at any time before the first day of June, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God 1582. shall be exemplefied vnder the great seale of England, at and by the suite of any person, that is, or may be intituled to haue or sue any writ of error vpon any the fines or recoueries heretofore passed. Nor to barre any femme couert, or any person within the age of xxi. yeeres, or any person that is non compos mentis, imprysoned, or beyond the Seas, or for from any writ of errour to be had or prosecuted, for the reuersing of any fine or recouery heretofore passed, leuied, or suffered, so that such femme couert, or her heires within seuen yeeres next after that she become sole, and such person within the age of xxi. yeeres, or his heires, within seuen yeeres next after hee shall come and be of full age of xxi. yeeres. And such person that is non compos mentis within seuen yeeres next after he shall become of sane memorie, and in default thereof, the heires of such person that is non compos mentis, within seuen yeeres next after the death of such person being non compos mentis. And such person in prison, or his heires within seuen yeeres next after the same person shalbe at libertie. And such person beyond the seas, or his heires, within seuen yeeres next after the returne of such person into this Realme of England, or the death of the saide person, If he shall before his returne, dye in any forreine countrey, shall sue, take & prosecute their writtes of errour, as their cases seuerally shall require, for reuersing of any ỳ said fines or recoueries heretofore passed, leuied or suffered.

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...ance aforesaide, that if any person or persons shall within the
...time and yeares afore mentioned, commence or sue his or their
...writs of entrye for the reuerting of any the said mes or tene-
...ments hereinbefore passed, which suite shall growne to abate by
...the death of any the partie or the same: That then it shall and
...maye be lawfull for his and their heires, at any time within one
...yeare next after the saide seuen yeares expired, to haue sue and
...take their writte of entrie, for the reuerting of euery such mes-
...suage or tenements: And if such heire be an infant, idiot, or of
...non sane memorie within one yeare next after the full age of such
...infant, idiot, or of sane memorie: Any thing in this present Act
...conteined to the contrarie notwithstanding. Prouided alwaies
...and be it further enacted by the authoritie of this present
...Parliament, that euery person that shall at any time hereafter
...take the profit or vse of any fine, or warrant of Attourney of any
...tenant, or voucher for suffering any common recoueries, or shall
...cause them or any of them, shall within the terme of the yeare
...whereas warrant of Attourney, certificate, or the voucher were
...sealed or the same was knowledged or acknowledged, or within
...any such knowledge of any fine or warrant of Attourney, or any re-
...couery shall be bounden, or by any writes inforced to be acknow-
...ledged or warrant, except he be within one yeare
...after the said knowledge taken. And shall in Court by open
...shall receiue any vouch of record, or voucher of entrie, where-
...any fine or common recouerie is hereafter to passe, vnlesse
...proofe of the knowledge of the same fine and recouerie shall
...appeare in or by such certificate, vpon paine that euery such
...shall receiue any such writ, shall forfeite for euery time that
...shall so offende, the summe of fiue pounds, and that no attorney
...warrant vpon any fine be entred vpon record, except the
...partie appointed to attourne therein, first haue appeared in
...proper person, or by attourney, warrant thereof by the hand of one
...of the Iustices of either bench in the other, or before two Maiors
...and Aldermen of London, Chester, Yorke, Newcastle vpon Tine,
...or Kingston vpon Hull, as the case requireth. And that euery such
...attornment hereafter to be made, where effect shall not be
...had before in deede, shall be vtterly voide, and of none effect
...any writ of entrie or other meanes to be vsed for auoy-
...ding of the same. And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that
...the Clerkes of the Common Pleas for the time being, which
...shall be, and continue an office for euer, called the Filazers of the
...Common Pleas, for Essex and Hertfordshire, and the Iustices
...assigned to take assises in the same counties, and Recorders, and
...the Iustices

ces of the common plees for the time being (other then the chiefe Justice) shal haue and take the care and charge of and for the Inrollements aforesaid, and shal haue and enioy the said office and the dispositiō thereof, and carefully see & looke to the execution thereof: and in consideration of their charges, payne and trauel therein, shal haue and take the summes of money hereafter following, and no more, That is to say, for the Inrollement and examination of euery fyne and the partes thereof before mencioned, the summe of vi.s. viii.d. And for the Inrollement of the saide partes of euery recouery and the examination thereof, vi.s. viii.d. And for euery exemplification of the Inrollement of any fine, fiue shillings. And for the exemplification & retornes of euery writte of entrie, summons & warrantizands and warrants, fiue shillings. And for the search of the Rolles of one yere, iiii.d. And for the copie of one Sheete of paper conteyning xiiii. Lines, iiii.d. And that the said Justices or one of them, shall examine the Inrollements of euery such fyne and partes of Recoueries, and forthwith after examination thereof, and immediately after the Inrollement of euery such fyne & partes of Recoueries, write his name that so examineth with his own hand in the Rolle thereof, vpon paine that the saide Justices shal forfeite to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the summe of fiue pounde, for euery time that they or some one of them shall make defaulte of such examination, or writing of his or their name, as afore is said. And that it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Justices of the saide Court of common plees from time to time, to take order in all things that shalbe conuenient and needefull for the Inrollements aforesaide, And vpon examination in the saide Court, to assesse such fine or amerciament, vpon any Clarke, Sherife, Deputie, Attourney, & other person for his & their misprision, contempt, and negligence, for not doing or misdoing in any thing, of, in or concerning the said fines & recoueries or any part of them, or either of thē, as by the said Justices of the said Court of cōmon plees for the time being, shalbe thought meete and conueniēt: The said fine & amerciament to be estreited amongest other fines & amerciaments of that Court, where such offence or misprision shalbe cōmitted.

And be it further enacted by the auctholitie of this present Parliament, that the Chirographer of Fines of the Common Plees for the time being, for euer shall write and make, or cause to be written and made for euery Countie, where her Maiestie writte runneth, one Table, wherein shalbe conteined such contentes of euery Fyne that shall passe in any one Tearme, as

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hereafter is mencioned, that is to saye, the name of the Countie wherein the Tenementes mencioned in any fine be, the name of euery playntife and defoziant, & of euery Mannour named in the fine if any such be, and of the Townes and places where the Tenementes in such fyne compziled do lye. And the first day of the next Tearme after the ingrossing of euery such fyne, shall fixe euery of the said Tables, vpō some open place of the Courte of Common Plees, and so euery day of the saide Tearme, during the time of sitting of the sayde Courte, And that the sayde Chirographer shall deliuer to euery Sheriffe of euery Countie, his vnder Sheriffe or Deputie, sayze written in parchement, a perfect content of the Table, so to bee made for that Shire, in the Tearme that shalbe next before the Assises be holden in the saide Countie, or else meane betwene that Tearme and the said Assises. And that euery such Sherife, to whome such parchements with the contents aforesaid, shalbe deliuered, the first day of the next Assises after the deliuerie thereof vnto him, and euery day during the sayde Assises, shall fixe and set vp the same wryting vndefaced in some open place in the courte, where the Justices of the Assise of that countie shall sitte, and shal see the same to continue there, during such time as the saide Justices shall sitte there in Courte, vpon payne that euery Chirographer and Sheriffe, offending against any thing in this act conteined, shall forfeyte to our Soueraygne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the summe of fiue poundes, the one moitie whereof shall be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, & successors, and the other moitie to him or them, that will sue for the same in any courte of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection or wager of Lawe shalbe allowed. And that the Chyrographer for the time beyng, shall haue and take for euery such content of euery fyne so set downe in the Table aforesayde, iiii.d.

And forasmuch, as vpon great examination it appeareth, that diuers Fines & Recouerves haue byn heretofore leuyed and suffered of diuers Mannours, Messuages, Lands, Tenementes & Hereditaments, which sometime were the inheritāce of George sometime Earle of Kent, great grandfather to Henry now Earle of Kent in ble, possession, reuersion or remaynder, whervnto the said now Earle of Kent pretendeth title, in ble, possession, reuersion or remaynder, which if they be erroneous as is pretended, doe much vary from the generall ende and mischiefe, for which this Statute meaneth to prouide; Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that neither this Statute, nor any thing therin conteined, shall extend to take away any writ of error, whereunto any person or persons is nowe, or hereafter shalbe lawfully

intituled for the reuersing of the sayde Fines and Recoueries, or any of them heretofore leuyed or suffered of any of the sayde Mannors, Mesuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, which late were any part or parcell of the inheritance of the said George, sometime Earle of Kent, in vse, possession, Reuersion or Remaynder, Any thing in this Statute conteyned to the contrary thereof in any wise, notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that it shall be lawfull for the Justices Clerkes, aucthorized by their warraunt in the sayde seuerall Offices and places, where the same Recordes, or any of them do or shall remayne, to write out, or inrolle the same recordes, & euery part therof, without any thing to be payed therefore. And that the sayd Records, nor any of them for the writing out, or making the Rolles therof by the Clerkes of the sayde Justices, otherwise then for the examination thereof by the Justices, shalbe brought or caryed forth of the sayd Offices or places.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, That none of the Fines or Recoueries heretofore leuyed, passed, or suffered, which shall be exemplifyed vnder the great Seale, according to the forme of this Acte, shall after such exemplification had, be in any wise amended.

An acte for the fortifying *of the borders towards Scotlande.*

Chapter.iiii.

Forasmuch as great care hath byn heretofore taken for mayntenance of good strength and force vpon the borders and frontiers against Scotland, and to the end that inhabitantes and tenauntes there, might be better able, and more encouraged for the defence of the same borders, when any occasion should be offered in that behalfe, at charges of Subsidies and taxes haue bene forborne to bee layed or charged vpō the said inhabitants, & for like respect it hath bene here-

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tofore also vsed in diuers places within the Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, & the Bishoprycke of Durham, that diuers, and a great part of the inhabitants there, haue enioyed their tenements and farmeholdes in diuers fauourable sortes and formes of tenure. And for that the Queenes Maiestie hath of late yeeres bene oftentimes informed by reporte and certificate of her principal officers hauing charge of her borders, that the force of her saide borders both of horsemen and footemen are greatly decayed, and likely daily to growe weaker by many occasions, and among other by decay and ruyne of sundry the habitations of those borders, whereby the number of the auncient inhabitants able for seruice, haue bene diminished, and that part of the same habitations, tenauncies and farmes haue bene reduced rather to pasturing of Cattell, then to the maynteynance of men of seruice, And that also in some partes the tenants and inhabitants themselues haue diminished their owne strength, by diuiding their houses & farmes, which were meete onely for one able houlholder and familye, into the occupation of sundry persons commonly being their Children or other kinsfolks, So as by the smalnesse and meanenesse of the holding, no one of them is able to furnishe a man for seruice: And that also diuers owners and tenauntes vpon the borders, haue for more gaine then they could haue of natural subiects, letten their lands or feedings or some parte thereof to Scottishmen, thereby not only weakening the strength of her Maiesties natural subiects, but strengthening Forreners.

For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the authoritie of this present parliament, that the Queenes Maiestie shall and may from time to time, as need shall require, by commission vnder the great Seale of England, make & appoint such & so many Commissioners as to her Maiestie shalbe thought conuenient, giuing vnto them or sixe of thē (wherof two to be of the Quorum) full power & authoritie in all & euery of the saide Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, and the Countie Palantine of Durham, or in any one of them, or in any part of any of thē, to inquire by ỳ othes of twelue men or moe, or by other good meanes according to their discretions, what tenauncies and houses of habitations be synce ỳ seuen & twentieth yere of king Henry the eight ruined and decayed, and not helde or occupied by men able to serue as horsemen or footemen, according to the auncient duetie of those tenauncies, and in like maner to examine and search out the iust or probable causes of those ruynes & decayes, and of the wants and euill furnitures of the saide horsemen and foote-

men,and to giue order & direction for reformation therof with al speede reasonable. And to that end if it shall appeare to the said Commissioners or such sire of them as is aforesaid, that the fault of the said ruynes or decayes haue bene onely in the Lordes and owners,or their principal officers,or in the officers and Farmors of her Maiesties mannors, landes or tenementes, or any their assignes,then the said Commissioners,or such sire as is aforesaid, shall order, commaunde & inioyne aswell her Maiesties officers, Farmors or their assignes,as others the Lords and owners,and their officers or Farmors, to reedifie or repaire the same tenements and houses of habitation,and specially the capital houses & Barnekyns within a conuenient time at their owne charges, with restoring like quantities of lands thereunto,as with ỳ same hath byn occupied in the said twenty seuenth yere of king Henry the eight, And shall set paynes for euery default of such reedyfying or restoring in reasonable time,not exceeding one hundreth markes for euery such defaulte: And if they shall finde default of furniture of the tenauntes with horse,weapon or armour according to their dueties,then they shall by perswasion in respecte of the Queenes Maiesties seruice and the defence of their natyue countrey,treate with such Lords & other whom it may concerne, and the freeholders, Leassees or tenauntes,for order to be taken by their mutual assents for the renewing and continuance of the saide seruice, and for want of reasonable conformitie on eyther part,may inioyne the said Lords and al others vnder them, and also al the Queenes Maiesties officers, Farmors, and their assignes,to giue such helpe as the said Commissioners or such sire as aforesaid shall thinke fit,toward the inhabling of the sayde tenaunt or tenauntes, to bee furnished according to the auncient ducty of the saide tenement,and to take order howe the saide tenaunt shall thereby be furnished and be able for seruice, and so to see that the same be duely executed, and the sayde Commissioner shall take bondes in good summes to her Maiesties vse, of euery such person of whom it shall be requisite that the saide auncient dutie of such tenements respectiuely shall be furnished, kept and executed,on paine of reasonable forfaitures,not exceeding fourty pounds for euery defaulte, and shall assesse fines, and set downe paynes for such defaults or wants of furniture, as shall in that behalfe bee requisite. And if the vnhablenes of the saide tenaunts shalbe founde to haue growen,or to growe hereafter by their owne default or wilfulnesse, without iust occasion: The said Commissioners or such sire of them as is afore saide,shall order,inioyne and directe the said Tenaunts within some reason-

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able speedy time, to furnish themselues with Horse, armour, and weapon, or with armour and weapon according to their auncient vsage, and their vttermost reasonable abilitie, at their owne charges without any contribution of the Lordes, But at their owne good willes, vpon payne to be expelled by the Lord, owner or superior Farmors or their assignes, which so expelling, shall place in such holding or Farme another tenaunt, that shalbe furnished and ready for such seruice as is aforesaide, or else shall within one moneth giue notice to the Commissioners, or to the warden of the same Marches, of his not placing of such tenaūt, vpon such payne as the Commissioners, or such sire of them as is aforesaid, shal assesse, not exceeding one hundreth marks, and the said Commissioners or warden after such notice giuen, shall place one other tenaunt sufficient for the seruices aforesaid, And in her Maiesties lands by the officers of her Reuenewe, within some time to be lymitted. And the said Landlords, owners, superior Farmors or their assignes, and also her Maiesties officers to be also inioyned and bound vpon some payne to cause the same to be executed, and that a newe tenaunt shalbe placed sufficiently furnished to holde the same. And further where it shal appeare, that within the space of thirtie yeres any tenement or habitation of houshold, which haue maynteyned any horsemen or footemen, by auncient vsage for seruice toward the frontiers, haue bene by the tenants and owners themselues, or by any other meanes diuided into sundry habitations, or the lands thereunto belonging distributed to other tenauntes, whereby any one principall tenement so diuided, or the same tenement with the lande therewith nowe occupyed, shall not bee able to maynteine the inhabitant therof to be furnished according to the auncient duety of seruice, That in such case the saide Commissioners or such sire of them as is aforesaide, shal take order, that for the present time, the persons which shall haue the vse and profit of any part of the same tenements, or of the said lands so withdrawen frō the said principall tenement during the time of their present termes, shal yerely contribute to the principall tenaunte there resyding, to bee ready and furnished for the said seruice, some reasonable yerely ayde by money, or otherwise towards his furnyture meete for seruice.

Prouided alwayes, that where the sayde Commissioners, or such sire as aforesayd shall finde, that meane or vndertenants, hauing particuler estates ouer the tertenant (other then the lords and owners) haue bene cause of any such decay, In those cases they shall order and compell all such persons meane (which from vnder the lorde, vnto the base or tertenant, shall bee founde

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to haue bene cause of such decaye) to contribute towardes the re-edifying or repayring of any tenement ruyned or decayed synce the time of their interest in the premisses, and also to the helpe of the furniture of the partie so decayed: And shall also cause them to be bound during their particuler estates, to obserue the order of the sayde Commissioners, to bee taken as is aforesayde, towardes the sayd tenants, inhabitants, and seruice. And because diuers persons being lordes and owners, and others also, that haue particuler estates vnder the said lords and owners, which are by the sayde Commissioners in diuers cases aboue mencioned, to bee charged with the contributions aboue mencioned, may be absent out of the parties, where the said Commissioners shall haue auctoritie to execute the saide Commission, and shall not appeare vpon Summons and preceptes, and shall haue no landes or tenements within the Jurisdiction of the sayde Commission, to satisfie such paynes or amercements as shalbe set vpon them, to performe their order, In such cases the Commissioners or such fire of them as is aforesayde, shall estreate the same paynes and amercements into the Exchequer, in like maner, as Justices of peace ought doe for Fynes and amercements, taxed or set before them. And thereupon the Barons and Court of Exchequer, shall vse all good diligence to procure the leuying thereof vpon the parties amerred, or that shal forfayte paynes in any part of the realme wheresoeuer the said partie shal remaine, And vpon the same aunswered by any Sherife or other officer, the same shall be payed by order of the principall Officers of the sayd Exchequer, to the Commissioners or some of them, to be by them answered, to such to whome the same shalbe due, without further warrant from her Maiestie for the same.

Prouided also, that where the Commissioners, or any such fire of them as aforesayde, shal finde that any thing is and ought to be done for the furtherance of this seruice, in any of the premisses in the Queenes Maiesties charge, in respect of any her Landes, Lordships or Tenements, or of any thing taken by any officers of her Reuenewe, or by any other person attending vpon the sayd officers or ministers, or by any other meanes to their owne vse, In such cases the sayd Commissioners, or such fire as aforesaid, shal certifie to the Lord Treasourer, Chauncellor and Barons of the Exchequer, their directions and orders concerning the contributions by them reasonably thought meete to be made in her Maiesties behalfe, or by any her officers or ministers, to the intent the saide Lord Treasourer, Chauncellor and Barons, or any two of them, whereof the Lord Treasourer or Chaun-

Chauncellor for the time being to be one, shall on her Maiesties behalfe direct warrants to her Maiesties receiuers of the sayde Countie, to make payment and allowance, according to the order and direction of the sayd Commissioners, without any other speciall warrant from her Maiestie for the same, and they shall also compell all other her Maiesties sayde officers and ministers, or their Deputies, that shalbe ordered by the Commissioners as aforesayde, to make contribution, as is aboue sayde, to make payment, and to satisfie the sayde orders in like sorte and maner, as if the sayde orders and directions were decreed by the sayde courte of Exchequer.

Prouided, that the sayde Commissioners, before they shall execute the sayde Commission, shalbe sworne before the Lorde Chauncellor of Englande, or before such to whome the Lorde Chauncellor shall direct a Writte of Dedimus potestatem, or before the Justices of Assize in the Countie where they shall sitte, or before the Justices of peace in the quarter Sessions in the sayd Countie, according to the tenour of an othe, conteyned in a Statute of the seconde and thirde yeres of the reignes of king Philippe and Queene Marie, made for the reedifying of Castles, and strengthning of the borders within the foresayd countie (leauing out the words (and all Saintes) expressed in the end of ỳ said othe.) And that they shall haue like wages for them selues & clearkes, as is in the said statute also expressed, and the same to be leuied out of such summes of money as shall bee assessed by the sayde Commyssioners, according to the prouision contayned in the foresayde statute of the seconde and thirde yeeres of the reignes of king Philip and Queene Mary, for the allowance of the like Commissioners appointed to execute the sayde Statute.

Prouided also, that they shall haue the like authoritie, to make and direct writtes, precepts, warrants, and other commandements, to all Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Stewards, and all other ministers, officers and persons, to appeare before them, to execute their commandements, And shall in all causes haue like authoritie to execute this commission warranted by this statute, as by the sayd statute of the seconde and thirde yeeres of king Philippe and Queene Marie, was giuen for the execution of the sayde statute. And that the like Commissions shall be made in causes requisite by the Chauncellor and officers of the Duchie of Lancaster, and by the Bishoppe of Durham in the Countie palantine of Durha, respectiuely, according as is mencioned in the foresaid statute of the second and third yeres of the raignes of king Philippe and Queene Marie, for commissions

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to be made by them for execution of the said statute.

Prouided, that the aforesaid Commissioners shall not by any their order or direction, intermedle with any lands of her maiestie, or of any other person that are presently in Lease or demise, or graunted by deede indented in writing, or by copie of Courte rolle within any mannour, where, of auncient time the custome hath beene to graunt the same landes by copie of Court rolle, but that the same Lessees by Indenture, and copie holders shall continue at the pleasure of the Lessors, or the graunters of the sayd copies, or their heires, as before the making of this statute they might haue done, and yet, if heretofore the said lands so leased by demyse, or graunted by copie of Courte rolle, shall appeare to haue bene chargeable to seruice, and that the auncient Tenaunts thereof haue vsually done seruice for the borders, and in the sayde Indentures or copies, or in the Court Rolle whereof the same are coppies, there be no couenaunts or clauses, nor otherwise any bonds taken for the sayd seruices to bee done and performed: In these cases, for reuiuing or furtherance of the sayd seruices, the sayd Commissioners, or such sire of them as is aforesayd, shall vpon due examination first had, and triall made, take order either with the Lords and Lessors, or with their officers, or with their Tenantes, or with both of them, to cause any Tenements ruined or decayed, to be reedified or repayed, as is before limyted, And also to cause the sayd seruice or seruices to be reuiued and maintayned for the defence of the said borders, either by speciall couenaunts to bee conteined in writing betwixt the sayd Lord and Tenaunt, or otherwise.

Prouided alsо; and be it enacted by the authoritie of this Parliament, that all orders to be set downe by the sayd Commissioners by vertue of this Statute, and by authoritie of the saide Commission or Commissions, or any of them, shall stande and be in force to continue, except the same shalbe by themselues or such nomber of them as is aboue limited, or by other Commissioners authorized by her Maiestie, according to the forme of this Act vpon examination and good consideration, and vpon calling all persons interested before them to be heard, otherwise altered or changed in the whole, or in part.

Prouided also, that hereafter all Farmours or Lessees, that shall haue interest hereafter in any Landes, Tenements, or hereditamentes, within the sayd Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberland, Westmerland, and the Bishoprike of Durham, or in any one of them, by vertue of any newe Lease to be made after the ende of this Session of this Parliament, shal personally

ly dwell vpon the sayde Landes and Tenementes, being houses of habitation, or else shall personally be resident and dwelling in and vpon some other house and habitation within one of the sayde Counties, and shall appoynt and assigne a meete person to inhabite vpon the sayde Farme or Tenement so dimised, in such sort as the Inhabitaunt may reasonably lyue thereupon, according to the qualitie of the Farme, and shall performe the sayde seruice. And if the sayde Farmer shall depart out of the sayde Counties, to dwell or reside in any other place, he shall within one twelue moneths after his departure, surrender his sayde Farme to him or them that then shal haue the immediate reuersion or remaynder, so as he may dimyse the same to the aforesayde Inhabitaunt aforе assigned, or to some other to be resident and dwel therupon, and keepe hospitalitie meete for the qualitie of the saide Farme, for the better replenishing of the sayde countries with people, Or else it shall be lawfull for him or them that shall haue the immediate reuersion or remaynder, after such twelue moneths, and his absence continuing so long, to reenter as though the sayde Lease were determined.

And be it enacted, that vpon cause notoriously giuen by any Lordes or owners, or their Officers, or by any her Maiesties Officers, Farmers, or their assignes, to the hinderaunce of the said seruice, as is aforesaide, and vpon complaynt made thereof to her Maiestie, or to her Commissioners, or any of them, or to the wardens of the borders, The saide Commissioners, or such five of them as is aforesaide, that then shall haue their Commission in force, or in default of such Commission then being in force, such other Commissioners, to whome the Queenes Maiestie shall and may vpon the saide complaynt or certificate from the Warden, direct a newe Commission to the like sort & nomber of Commissioners, as in the Statute is expressed, shall examine the cause or complaynt of the certificate, and shall take order betwixt the Lord and the Tenaunt, that by repairing of the same habitation, and other helpes aboue sayde, the Tenaunt may be able, bounden and charged to inhabite the same Tenement, and do the seruice vpon the borders, according to his tenure.

Prouided also, that this present statute shall continue during her Maiesties life onely (which God long preserue.)

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, ỳ one acte & statute made at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the second & third yeres of the reignes of the late King Philip and Queene Marie, intituled, an Acte for the reedifying of Castels and Fortes, and for the inclosing of groundes vpon the

borders towards Scotland, and euery article, braunche, clause, and sentence therein conteyned, except the sayde wordes (and all Saintes) shall be from henceforth fully reuyued, and shall haue continuance for, and during the terme of twentie yeres next ensuing the last day of this present Session of Parliament, And from thenceforth to the ende of the Parliament then next following: And that the same acte and statute in euery behalfe, shal from thencefoorth be interpreted and expounded, to extende as fully and largely to the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, her heires, and successors, during the sayde time, for the good execution of the same, as euer it did, or was meant to extende to the sayde late King Philippe and Queene Marie, any thing to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, and considering that the special purpose of the premisses in this acte conteined, is to haue the people and inhabitantes of the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, and Westmerland, and of the sayd Countie Palantine of the Bishopricke of Durham, which of auncient time were accustomed, and by the customes of the said countries are, or ought to serue on horsebacke, or on foote, for defence of the Frontiers, to be able for seruice, and to bee ready furnished for the sayde seruice:

Therefore be it enacted, that if the Lorde and owner of any Tenement, or place of habitation, or Farme, whereupon any such Tenaunt bounde by such custome to serue, doeth nowe dwell, or where at any time synce the xxvii. yeere of King Henry the eyght, any such Tenaunt bounde by custome to such seruice, dyd dwell, shall place and cause to inhabite thereupon a Tenaunt able to serue on horsebacke, or on foote, according to the auncient custome of the same Tenement or Farme, and so for that purpose to be alwayes, when neede shall require, furnished for the sayd seruice requisite, In such case the sayde Commissioners shall not by vertue of this acte, intermeddle betwixt the Lord or owner and the Tenaunt, but that it may be lawfull for the sayd Lorde or owner therein, to graunt to his Tenaunt such state, and in such sorte, as lawfully he might haue done before the making of this statute, So as the sayde Tenaunt be as aboue is sayde, able and ready with furniture to do his accustomed seruice, when time shall require for defence of the Frontiers.

An Acte touching Iron milles, neere vnto the citie of London, and the riuer of Thames.

Chap. v.

WHereas by reason of the late erection of sundry Iron milles in diuers places of this Realme, not farre distant from the citie of London, & the suburbes of the same, or from the downes and sea coastes of Sussex, the necessarie prouision of wood, aswell tymber fitte for buylding, and other vses, as also all other fewell, doeth dayly decaye and become scant, and will in time to come become much more scarce, by reason whereof the prises are growen to be very great and vnreasonable, and in time to come will be much more, if some remedy be not prouided, to the great domage not onely of the inhabitants of the sayde citie of London and the Suburbes of the same, but also to all other the Queenes maiesties most louing subiectes, hauing occasion daily from al parts of the realme to repayre vnto the same and the places aboue sayd. For remedy whereof, Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament here assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that no person or persons from and after the feast day of the nativitie of Saint John the Baptist next comming, shall conuert or employ, or cause to be conuerted or employed to cole or other fewell, for the making of Iron or of Iron mettall in any Iron milles, farnes or hammer, any maner of wood, or vnderwood nowe growing, or which hereafter shal grow within the compasse and precinct of xxii. miles from and about the citie of London or the Suburbes of the same, or within xxii. miles of the riuer of Thames, frō Dorchester in the Cōtie of Oxford downwards the saide ryuer of Thames, nor within foure miles of the foote

of the hilles called the downes betwixt Arundell and Pemley, in the countie of Sussex, nor within foure myles of any of the townes of Wynchelsey, and Rye, nor within two myles of the towne of Pemsey, nor within three myles of the towne of Hastings in the sayde countie, vpon payne to forfeite for euery loade of wood so to be employed or converted into cole or other fewell for the making of Iron or Iron mettal, in any Iron mil, furnace or hammer, as is aforesaid, fourtie shillings of lawfull money of Englande, the one halfe of all which forfeytures to bee to our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and to her heires and successours, and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same, by originall writte, bill, plaint, or Information, wherein noe essoine, protection, or iniunction, or wager of lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that this Acte shall not extende to any woods growing or to growe in any such part of the weildes of Surry, Sussex, or Kent, within the saide twentie two miles of the saide citie of London & the riuer of Thames, as is distant aboue eighteene miles from the citie of London, and eyght miles from the sayde ryuer of Thames.

And be it likewise further enacted, that frō henceforth no new Iron woorkes shalbe erected within twentie two miles of ye sayd citie of London, nor within fourteene myles of the ryuer of Thames, nor within foure miles of the dowones aforesayde, or of the sayd townes of Pemsey, Wynchelsey, Hastings, or Rye, vpon payne of one hundred pounds of lawfull money of Englande, likewise to be recouered and employed, as is aforesayde.

Prouided also, that this act, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extende to any woods or vnderwoods nowe standing or growing, or which hereafter shall stande or growe in or vpon any landes of Christopher Darrel Gentleman, in the parish of Newdigate, within the weilde of the countie of Surry, which woods of the sayde Christopher haue heretofore bene, and be by him preserued and coppised for the vse of his Iron woorkes in those partes.

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Reginæ Elizabethæ.

An acte for the repayring of Douer Hauen.

Chap. vi.

WHereas the Marchauntes of this Realme, and other passing through the narrowe Seas, sustayne yerely great domages for want of cõuenient harbour vpon the coast of the sayd narrowe Seas, whereunto they may enter to auoide imminent daunger of tempests, pyrates, or the common enemie in time of warre, her Maiestie minding to prouide for their safety, vnderstanding by the Lordes of her honorable priuie Counsel and other, that Douer was the most conuenient place for harbour: And that skilfull men haue contracted probable plat, and vndertaken the finishing and perfecting thereof, for a competent summe of money, in accomplishing whereof, aswell her Maiestie, of her highnesse liberalitie, as the Inhabitaunts of the sayde Towne of Douer to their ability, haue already bestowed greate summes of money in and about the same. Nowe for the better furtheraunce and finishing thereof, Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that for euerie Ship, Vessel or Crayer, whereof any of her Maesties Subiects shall bee owners or parteowners, of the burden of twentie Tonnes or vpward, loading or discharging within this Realme, and passing to or fro any forrein countrey, during the space of seauen yeeres next comming, from fortie dayes after the ende of this Session of Parliament, there shalbe payed for euery such voyage, by the master or owner of such ship, vessell or Crayer, the summe of .iii.d. for euery tonne of the burden of such ship, vessel or Crayer, (except vessels ladē with sea cole or Grindstones) & for euery Chadron of Sea cole or Grindstone, peny halfepeny. The same to bee payed vnto such Customer or customers, or Collector of Customes or Subsidies, with whome the entrie shalbe made, or their Deputies within this

Realme

Realme from whence such shippes shall come, or where such shippe or shippes, or any of them shall arriue, before they loade or vnlo3de such goods within the Realme, taking of the sayd Customer, Officer or Deputie, a writing testifying the receipt thereof to the sayd vse, for which writing he shall paye nothing. The sayd summes so to be collected, to bee payde ouer by such Customer or Officer, to the receipt of her Maiesties Exchequer, and to be from thence deliuered to the vse afore said, by warrant of the Lorde Treasurer or Chauncellor of the Exchequer for the time being, without further warrant from her Maiestie. The accompt of the number of the saide Tonnes, to be made according to the entrie of euerie such shippe, vessel or Crayer in the custome house. And that no entrie of such vessel shalbe receiued or allowed in any office of her Maiesties Customes or Subsidies, without true information by the othe of such Owner, Maister or Shipper, concerning the burden of such Shippe, Vessell or Crayer, nor without or before payment of the summes afore said, by the Shipper, Maister or Owner of such Shippe, Vessell or Crayer, of which payment the said Maister, Owner or Shipper shall haue allowance of the Marchauntes, according to the rate of their goods in such Shippe, Vessell or Crayer by way of Cutrage. And that euery customer or officer, in whose wilfull default the sayd summes shall not be truely collected and answered, as is before appoynted, shall forfeite to the vse afore said, treble times asmuch as so shall not bee collected or answered by his wilfull default, to be recouered by the Maior and Iurates of this Towne of Douer, to the sayd vse, against such customer or officer, by action of Debt in any Court of Record. In which action, no Essoyne, protection or Wager of Lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

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An acte for the increase of Mariners, and for maintenance of the Nauigation.

Chapter.vii.

WHere the Marchantes and Fishmongers of diuers places of this Realme, haue for their priuate gaines, gone & sent into other Countries and forreine Realmes, and there ingrossed into their handes great numbers and quantitie of fishe taken by Aliens and strangers, being in goodnes farre inferiour to the fishe taken by Englishmē in the Islande voyages, And for the buying of the same fish, haue conueyed and carried great masses of money forth of this Realme, and haue victualled and furnished this Realme with forraine fishe and herring, the subiects whereof haue bene accustomed in times past, to serue the same with fishe and herrings gotten by their owne trauell, and diuerse other forreine Regions & countreis: by reason of which vnnaturall dealings of the saide Marchantes and Fishmongers, and vsuall eating of flesh on the accustomed and vsuall fishe dayes, there be of late decayed, not onely the number of two hundreth sayle and more, of good and seruiceable shippes, which yeerely traded to Island for taking of fish in this Realme vsually solde, but also a great number of Mariners and Seamen, fit for the seruice of her Maiestie and her saide Realme, for the defence thereof in time of warres.

For redresse whereof, Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present parliament assembled, and the authoritie of the same, that it shal not be lawful to any native Englishman, woman, or denizen, at any time after the ende of this session of this parliament, directly or indirectly, by themselues, their seruants, factors, agents, deputies, or friends, or any

or any of them whatsoeuer, to go or sende into any other forreine Countrey, Realme or Dominion whatsoeuer, for the buying, prouiding, or bringing into this Realme, out or from any the said forreine Realmes or Dominions out of the Queenes obeysance, of any salted fish, or salted herrings, nor shall make any agreement with any Alien or Straunger, or any other for such bringing into this Realme, by any Alien or Stranger, of any salted fish or salted herrings: And that no salted fish, nor salted herrings shalbe brought hither out of the sayd forreine Realmes and Dominions, but by the mere owners thereof, or deputies of them beyng Aliens and Strangers, without the procurement of any subiect of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, or of any denizen, and by none other person or persons, upon payne that such Englishe person or Denizen, offending against this Act, shall forfeite the same salted herrings, and salted fish, or the value thereof, the one moytie whereof shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, and the other moytie to him or them that shall first seyse the same fish or herrings, or first sue for the value thereof, by action of debt, bill, playnt or information, wherein no essoyne, protection, or wager of Lawe shall be allowed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull for all and euery her Maiesties subiectes, beyng owners of any shippes, barkes, or vessels, to receyue and take into their sayde shippes, barkes, and vessels sayling with crosse sayles, any herrings or other fish, which any Alien or Stranger shall buy and prouide of any her Maiesties subiectes within this Realme, And the said herrings and fish, or any of them, may transport into any partes beyond the seas, in their sayde shippes or vessels with crosse sayles, so as the said Aliens or Strangers paye to her Maiestie her Customes and dueties for the same.

And be it further enacted, that all Aliens and Strangers shal from henceforth, and from time to time, pay to her Maiestie for all salted fish and salted herring to bee brought into this Realme, all such like Customes and Impositions, as are or shalbe imposed and set vpon any her Maiesties subiects in those forreyne Regions and Countries, Portes and Townes, from whence the sayde salted fish and salted herrings shalbe shipped and brought for the like fishes and herrings, ouer and besides the ordinarie customes, which haue bene payde to her Maiestie for the same.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons shall doe, suffer, cause, or procure

cure any fraudulent, deceytfull, or colourable act whatsoeuer, whereby any part of this Acte before mencioned, shall or may be colourablie, fraudulently or deceytfully auoyded, or frustrated, contrarie to the intent thereof, that then euery person so offending, shall forfeyte and lose for euery such his offence, the summe of two hundreth poundes, the one moytie whereof shall be to our Soueraigne Ladie, her heires and successours, and the other moytie to him or them that will sue for the same in any Court of Recorde, by bill, plaint, or information, wherein no Essoyne, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed. And that if any Alien or Straunger shall wilfully conceale any acte or thing whatsoeuer, to be done to the deceyuing, colouring or defrauding of any braunche or article of this estatute before mentioned, that then euery such Alien and Stranger, shall forfeyte and lose for such offence to the Queenes Maiestie his Ship and vessell, and all that thereunto apperteyneth, to be seised to her Maiesties vse, by any her Maiesties subiects: And moreouer, that if any Alien or Straunger borne, shall bring into any Hauen, Port, Creeke or Towne of this Realme, any salt fish, or salt Herrings, which shall not be good, sweete, seasonable and meete for mens meate, and shall offer the same to be solde, and shall be warned by any officer of such Porte, Hauen or Towne (where the same shall be offered to be solde) that the same be not seasonable nor meete for mens meate, that then if he or they with their sayde fishe, shall after that, offer any of the sayde vnseasonable fishe, to be solde to any person within this Realme, or shall not depart with the same from the sayde hauen, port or towne, so soone as conuenience will serue, that then all and euerie person owners thereof, shall lose and forfeyte to our sayde Soueraigne Lady, all the said vnseasonable fish vnmeete for mans meate, as before is said.

Prouided alwaye, that this act or any thing therein conteyned, shall not extend or be preiudiciall to any prouiding or bringing of fish in, or out of the countrey of Islande, Shotlande, or Newfound lande, or any the partes or Seas thereunto adioyning, or on the Scottish seas, nor to any fish that shall be killed, taken and salted by the Queenes naturall subiects, any thing in this acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that it shall be lawfull for all the Queenes subiects, nowe vsing the trade of bringing in of staple fish and ling from beyond the Seas, to bring in English bottomes into this Realme, for the better supplie of present furnishing of this Realme with victayle, all maner of staple fishe and ling being good and wholesome for mans bodie, during

the ſpace of thꝛee yeeres next following the end of this Seſſion of Parliament, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And be it likewiſe enacted, that all ordinances of the fiſhmongers of London, or of any other company or corporation whatſoeuer, made or to be made, for reſtraint of any perſon to take or ſell fiſh, or to buye or prouide any fiſh of any marchant or other within this Realme, ſhalbe repelled and voyde. And that euery perſon or bodie corporate, that ſhal make or execute any ſuch ordinance or reſtraint, ſhal for euery ſuch offence forfeite one hundred poundes, the one moytie thereof to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours, and the other moytie to the partie grieued that will ſue for the ſame by action of debt in any court of recorde, wherein no eſſoine, protection, or wager of lawe for the defendant, ſhalbe admitted or allowed.

An act for the true melting, making and working of Waxe.

Chap.viii.

Here by the goodneſſe of God this lande doeth yeelde great plentie of Honie and Waxe, as not onely hath, and doth ſuffice the neceſſarie vſes of the Queenes Maieſtie and her ſubiects to be ſpent within this Realme, but alſo a great quantitie to be ſpared, to be tranſported vnto other Realmes & nountries beyond the Seas, by waye of marchandize, to the great benefite of her Maieſtie & the realme, and yet neuertheleſſe a great part of the waxe made and melted within this Realme, hath bene founde to be of late very corrupt, by reaſon of the deceiptfull mixture thereof, and the makers and ſellers of Honie alſo haue not onely vſed to put

put the sayd Honie in caske of deceitful assize, but haue vsed also deceytfull myxtures of the same: Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that euery person within this Realme, or the dominions of the same, which shall after the feast of Pentecost next ensuing, in the making and melting of waxe, by any way or meanes vse or practise, or cause to be vsed and practized any maner deceite by mixture, and mingling the same with Rosen, Tallow, Turpentine, or any other deceitfull thing, to the intent to sell and vtter the same, or offer the same to be solde or vttered for Waxe, to any person or persons whatsoeuer, shall forfeite & lose the same mingled or corrupted waxe. And if the same corrupted Waxe shall happen to bee solde, before such fault and corruption shalbe found, that then the sayde melter, mingler or corrupter, causer or procurer thereof, shall forfeite for euery pounde two shillings, Whereof the one halfe to the Queenes Maiestie, the other half to the party deceyued, if he will sue for it, or any other person or persons that will sue for the same, in any the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of Recorde. And to the intent that the offendours in these kinde of deceipts, may be the better and sooner knowen and found out:

Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that euery melter and maker vp of vnwrought Waxe, shall haue for himselfe a Stampe or marke, of the breadth of fixe pence, wherein two letters shalbe plainely grauen, signifying his name & surname, and with the same shal stampe euery piece of Waxe, to be printed or stamped triangle, in three places vpon the outside of the vpper parte of euery piece so melted and cast, vpon the paine to forfeyte the value of euery piece or Cake solde, or offered to bee solde, and not so stamped, or marked.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person ne persons within this Realme or the Dominions thereof, shall from the sayde feast of Pentecoste, melt, mixe, worke or sell any maner of wrought Waxe, Stuffe, or wares wrought with Waxe, as in Lights, Staftorches, Red waxe, or Sealing waxe, Bookecandle, Searingcandle, Searing of dead corpes, Lynckes, Greenewaxe, Redwaxe, or any other worke or thing whatsoeuer, to be done or wrought with waxe to be put to sale, but with good, holsome, pure and conuenient stuffe, meete in such wares or worke in conuenient quantitie to be vsed. And that euery person or persons, that shall worke or sell such stuffe, or wares of waxe, haue a Marke, Stampe or Seale, to set on his or their worke, by him or them wrought or solde, to the intent that if any deceite be vsed or done, it may be knowen who were the workers thereof, & such person or persons as shalbe founde or knowen to worke or sell,

or to sale put, any such false ware, or wares wrought with ware to be put to sale, shall forfeyte and lose the same corrupted or deceytfull ware or wares, the one halfe to be to the Queenes Maiestie her Heyres and Successors, and the other to the partie deceyued, if he shall sue for the same, or otherwise to him or them that will sue for the same by Action of Dette, Bill, Plaint or Information in any the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of Recorde, wherein noo Essoyne, Protection or wager of Law shalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery person and persons whosoeuer, which after the feast of Pentecost aforesayde, shall sell or offer to be sold any corrupted and false myngled ware, shall lose and forfeyte the sayde ware, the one moytie thereof to be to the Queenes Maiestie, and the other to the partie deceyued if he shall sue for the same, or otherwise, to him or them that will sue for the same as is aforesayde. And that all Barrels, Kilderkins and Firkins filled with Honie by the maker and filler, shalbe marked with two letters standing for his name and surname, eache letter of an Inche and a halfe of length at the least, burnt vpon the head of the Caske, with a whole Pynn, vpon the paine to forfeyte fiue shillings eight pence, for euery Barrell, Kilderkin, Firkin or Caske, solde, or offered to be solde, and not so marked, and that if any person or persons doe, or shall after the xxviij. day of August next comming, after the ende of this Session of Parliament, fill and sell, or cause to be filled or solde, or offered to be solde anie Barrell, Kylderkin or Firkin with Hony, for or in the name of a Barrell, Kylderkin or Firkin, conteining lesse then thirtie two wine Gallons the Barrell, sixteene wine Gallons the Kylderkin, and eight wine Gallons the Firkin: Euery person and persons so offending, shall forfeyte and lose for euery halfe Gallon so lacking, v.s. of English money: And euery person and persons, that shal corrupt the Hony so solde, or to be solde, with any deceitfull mixture, shall forfeite the Barrell or Vessell, and Hony therein conteyned, the one moytie whereof to be to our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and the other to him or them that will sue for the same as aforesayd.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte as touching the marking of Ware, shall not extende to any person or persons, selling the Ware of their owne Bees in open markets, in small peeces, nor to any seruant or seruants, or other persons, myngling or corrupting any Ware, by commandement of their maister or other person hauing auctoritie ouer them, so as they will confesse the same.

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And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, shall at any time hereafter counterfeyte any the markes aboue mentioned, or shall set to the marke or markes of any other person or persons, without the consent of the same person or persons, whose names the sayde markes shall signifie, that euerye such offender for the premisses, shall forfeyte for euery such defaute fiue pounds: The one moytie thereof to be to the Quenes Maiestie, her heires and Successors, and the other moytie to the partie greeued, if he will sue for the same, or otherwise to any other person or persons, that shall sue for the same by Bill, Action or Information, in any the Queenes Maiesties Courts of Recorde, wherein no Essoyne, Protection or Wager of Law shalbe admitted or allowed for the defend. And for non sufficiencie of payment thereof, to be set on the Pillorie, in the next Market towne to the place where such offence shall be committed, and to suffer three monethes imprisonment, without baile or mayneprise, for euerie offence committed contrarie to this article of this present acte.

An acte for the abolishing of certeine deceitfull stuffe vsed in dying of Clothes, &c.

Chap. ix.

WHereas of late yeeres there hath byn brought into this Realme of Englande, from beyonde the seas, a certaine kinde of ware or stuffe called Logwood, alias Blockwood, wherewith diuers Dyers, Clothyers, Hatmakers and others haue, and doe dye dayelye diuers broade Clothes, Karseyes, Woollen, Pennellons, Bayes, Cottons, Holseyarne, Hattes, Cappes, Flannels, Woodmals, Mockadoes, Rashes, Buffyns, tufte Mockadoes and other things,

Forasmuch

Forasmuch as the colours made with the said stuffe called Logwood, alias Blockwood, is false and deceitfull, and the clothes and other thinges therewith dyed, are not onely solde and uttered to the great deceyte of the Queenes louing subiectes within this her Realme of Englande, but also beyonde the Seas, to the great discredit and sclaunder, as well of the Marchantes, as of the Dyers of this Realme: For reformation whereof, be it ordeyned, enacted and established by the Quene our Soueregne Ladye, and by the assent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that all such Logwood, alias Blockwood, in whose handes soeuer the same shalbe found, after the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next ensuing, shalbe forfeyted, and openly burned by authoritie of the Maior, or other head Officer of the Citie or Towne corporate, or of two Justices of peace of the Countie where it shall be founde, and that, from and after twentie dayes after the ende of this Session of Parliament, no person, of what degree soeuer he be, shall dye, or cause to be dyed any Cloth, Wooll, or any other of the premisses aboue mencioned, or any other thing whatsoeuer, with any of the sayde ware or stuffe called Logwood, alias Blockwood, vpon payne that the Dyer of euery such seuerall thing so dyed, shall forfeite the value of the same thing so dyed: the one moytie to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, or successours, and the other moytie to him that will sue for the same, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information in any Court of Recorde, in which sute, no essoyne, protection, wager of lawe, nor Writte of priuiledge for the defendaunt, shalbe admitted or allowed: And the partie offending, beyng thereof conuicted, to remayne in prison without bayle or mayneprise, till he haue satisfied the same value.

And where Clothes, Karsles, and hosen haue bene dyed with a colour which is commonly called a galled & mathered blacke, or with a colour commonly called a shoomacke and mathered blacke, which colours, although they carry a shewe of a good, true and perfect colour of woaded and mathered blacke, and of such as doe buy the said colours, either in Cloth, Karsey, or hose, taken so to be, notwithstanding in proofe and wearing prooue contrary, to the great deceyte of the Queenes subiectes, and discrediting of the cloth, and other thinges so dyed: For reformatiō whereof, be it enacted, that no kinde of Cloth or Clothes, Karsles, Bayes, Frisadowes broade or narrowe, hosen, or other things, being in the nature of cloth, shall from henceforth be mathered for a blacke, except the same be first grounded with

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woade onely, or with woade and a nele, alias blue Inde, vnleſſe the madder be put in with thomacke or gallys. And that from and after twentie dayes after the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, no perſon of what degree ſoeuer he be, ſhall dye, or cauſe to bee dyed any cloth or clothes, or other thinges aboue ſayde, of what kinde or nature ſoeuer, mathered for a blacke, not hauing a ground of woade onely, or of woade and a nele, alias blue Inde, vnleſſe the madder be put in with thomacke or gallys, vpon payne that the Dyer of euery ſuch ſeuerall thing ſo dyed, ſhall forfeyte the value of the ſame thing ſo dyed, the one moytie thereof to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires or Succeſſours, and the other moytie to him that will ſue for the ſame, by action of debt, byll, playnt or Information, in any Court of Recorde, in which ſuite, no Eſſoyne, protection, wager of Lawe, nor writte of priuiledge for the Defendaunt, ſhall be admitted or allowed, and the partye offending beyng thereof conuicted, to remayne in priſon, without bayle or mayneprize, till he haue ſatiſfied the ſame value.

Prouided alwayes, that it ſhall and may be lawfull to dye all maner of galle blacke, thomacke blacke, alias playne blacke, wherein no mather ſhall be vſed, as heretofore lawfully hath beene done, this Act or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Dyer that ſhall after the feaſt of Pentecoſt nert enſuing the ende of this Seſſion of Parliament, dye any of the ſayde blacke Clothes, Karſies or Friſeadoes, mathered and not woaded, ſhall before he deliuer any of the ſame forth of his hands, fire a ſeale of lead to euery of them, in which the letter M. ſignifying mathered, ſhall be conteyned, vpon payne that euery Dyer offending to the contrary, ſhal forfeyte for euery yard of the ſayd Cloth, Karſies, Bayes or Friſeadoes, the ſumme of iij.s. iiij.d. And that if any perſon ſhall ſell any Cloth, Karſies, Bayes or Friſeadoes mathered and not woaded, after the ſayd feaſt of Pentecoſt, and ſhall not firſt giue notice to the buyer thereof, that the ſame is not woaded, ſhall forfeyte alſo the double value of all ſuch Cloth, Karſies, Bayes and Friſeadoes, as he ſhall ſo ſell, which forfeytures ſhalbe to the partie that ſhal ſue for the ſame in any Court of Recorde, by action of debt, byll, playnt or information, wherein no eſſoyne, protection, or wager of Lawe ſhall lye.

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Anno xxiij.

An act for the preſeruation of Feſaunts and Partridges.

Chap.x.

WHere the game of Feſaunts and Partridges, is within theſe few yeeres in maner vtterly decayed and deſtroyed in all partes of this Realme, by meanes of ſuch as take them with Nets, Snares, and other Engines and deuices, aſwell by day as by night, And alſo by occaſion of ſuch, as doe vſe Hawking in the beginning of haruell, before the yong Feſaunts and Partridges be of any bigneſſe, to the great ſpoyle and hurt of Corne & Graſſe then ſtanding and growing in the fields:

For reformation therof, be it enacted, eſtabliſhed and ordeyned, by the Queene our Soueraigne Ladie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, that no maner of perſon or perſons, of what eſtate, degree or condition ſoeuer, ſhall at any time or times, from and after the firſt day of Aprill nert enſuing, take, kill or deſtroy any Feſaunts or Partridges, with any maner of Nettes, Snares, Girnes, Enginnes, Rowſting, Lowſting or other deuiſes whatſoeuer, in the night time, vpon paine of forfeyture for euery Feſaunt ſo taken, killed or deſtroied, contrary to the true meaning of this act, the ſumme of twentie ſhillings, and for euery Partridge ſo taken, killed or deſtroyed, the ſumme of ten ſhillings, the which ſaide penalties and forfeytures, if euery perſon or perſons ſo offending, doe not pay within tenne dayes next after his or their conuiction, then to haue one moneths impriſonment without bayle or mayne prize, and further, ouer and beſides ſuch forfeiture or impriſonment, to put in bond with good ſureties, for the ſpace of two yeeres, that he ſhall not take, kill or deſtroy any Partridges or Feſaunts, contrarie to the true meaning of this act, the ſame bond to be taken by ſome Iuſtice of the

of the peace, of the Countie where the said offence shalbe committed. The one halfe of all which sayde severall forfeitures to be to the chiefe Lord or Lords of the Liberties, Lordshippes or Manours, vpon and in which the same shalbe so taken, killed or destroied, And the other moytie to such person or persons as will sue for the same in any of her Maiesties Courts of Recorde, by Bill, playnte or Information. In which case, no Essoyne, protection or vouger of Lawe shalbe allowed.

Provided alwayes, that if such person, to whome the one halfe of the sayd forfeiture is appointed for the taking, killing or destroying of Partridges and Feasauntes, contrarie to the tenour and true meaning of this acte, shall dispence with, licence, or protude any taking, killing or destroying of any Partridges or Feasauntes contrary to the forme of this acte: That then all such forfeitures and penalties as such person or persons shoulde haue, by vertue of this acte, shalde to the poke of the parish, where such taking, killing or destroying shalbe committed: And that to be leuied or recouered in maner and forme aforesayde, by any one of the Churchwardens of the parish where the offence shalbe committed.

And be it likewise further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no maner of person or persons from and after the sayd first day of April, shal hawke, or with his Spaniels hunt in any ground where corne or other graine shall then grow, (except be in his owne grounde) at such time as any Eared or Codded Corne or graine shalbe standing and growing vpon the same, nor before such time as such corne & graine shalbe shocked, cocked, hiled or copped, vpon paine of forfeiture for euery time that he shall so hawke or hunt as aforesayde (without the consent of the owner of the Corne or graine) to such person or persons as shall be owner of the sayde Eared or Codded corne or graine, foure shillings, and the same to be leuied or recouered in maner and forme aforesayd.

Provided alwaies, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of Assises in their circuites, and Justices of the peace in euery Shire, Countie and Towne corporate within this Realme, in their Sessions, within the severall limits of their Commission, and Stewards of Lætes, Liberties and Lawdayes, within their severall Jurisdictions shall and may by vertue hereof, heare, inquire and determine of all and euery offence or offences, which shalbe committed within the precinct of their Liberties, Jurisdictions or Franchises, against the tenour of this acte. And further, that euery Justice of the peace within euery county of this Realme, shall within the Limittes of his Commission, haue power and

An Act for the erecting of Cardiffe Bridge in the County of Glamorgan.

Chapter. xi.

not onely of that Countie and neyghbourhoode, but also many straungers trauayling to and through the sayde Towne, being the only common port way to all ye rest of Southwales aforesayde, haue vtterly perished, and diuers others hardly escaped, to the great terrour and imminent perill of all such as haue occasion to trauayle that waye, and also to the impouerishing and hinderance of both the sayde Towne and countrey thereabouts and adioyning thereunto, if speedy remedy be not prouided in that behalfe. And notwithstanding diuers good profitable lawes and statutes haue bene heretofore in such cases most charitably prouided, and especially one Acte, intituled, an Acte concerning repayring and amending of Bridges in high wayes, made at the Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster the xxi. day of Januarie, in the xxii. yere of the reigne of our late dread soueraigne Lord of famous memory King Henry ye eyght, yet such doubtes and ambiguities hath risen betwene the sayde Towne and Countie, touching certeine wordes and sentences in the same statute, That more money was like to be spent in the expaining and determining of the same, then happely myght haue suffised to haue reedified the sayde Bridge, which being by this present Parliament duely considered, with the poore estate of the sayde Towne of Cardiffe, and the vnhabilitie thereof to performe so great a charge, though of right the buylding of the sayde Bridge had properly belonged vnto them, without all doubt or controuersie:

Be it therefore enacted and established by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, for the auoyding of further controuersies, that the sayde Towne and Countie shall ioyntly together, after the rate and proportion herein specified, proceede to the reedifying of the said Bridge, (that is to say) that the Countie shal alwayes bestowe fiue partes of the charges thereunto belonging, and the Towne of Cardiffe one parte, and so for euery fiue [illegible] payable by the Countie by this Act, the Towne of Cardiffe and liberties of the same, shal alwayes stand charged with twentie shillinges, vntill the whole summe be defrayed, and the Bridge newly reedifyed and buylded.

And to the intent, that ouerlong delay may not be vsed in setting forwardes of so necessary and charitable a worke, and also that the Countie may haue all necessary and conuenient assistance in that behalfe: Be it likewise enacted by like auctoritie, that the sayde Bridge shalbe wholly buylded and finished

within the space of two yeeres next after the ende, dissoluti on, or prorogation of this present Session of Parliament, vpon payne of forfayture of the summe of one hundreth pounds for euery yere, after the sayde two yeeres that the sayde worke or Bridge shall happen to be behinde vnfinished and vnperformed, whereof the Countie shall alwayes lose and paye foure score pounds, and the corporation or Towne of Cardiffe twentie pounds, The moytie whereof shall be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and Successours, The other moytie to him that will sue for the same in any the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of Record, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, wherein no Essoyne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed: And that all other Boroughes, Corporations and liberties within the sayde Countie of Glamorgan, (the Towne of Cardiffe and liberties of the same onely excepted) shall be contributors, and beare their ratable and reasonable portions towardes the same, ioyntly and together with the countrey or whole Countie of Glamorgan. And for the speedy leuying of all such summes of money as shalbe necessary & requisite in this behalfe:

Be it hereby enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of peace of the Countie aforesaid, or any foure, three, or two of thē, whereof one to be of the Quorum out of the liberties of the sayde Towne of Cardiffe, And the Maior and Bailifes, or any two of them within the said Towne, iurisdiction and liberties of the same, shall hereby haue full power and authoritie at all times hereafter, and from time to time as often as nede shal require, vntill the sayde Bridge shalbe fully reedified, to rate and assesse the Countie aforesayd, with the seuerall hundreds, & euery Towne corporate, parish, village, and Hamlet within the same, & euery Inhabitant & dweller within euery & any of them, to such reasonable summe and summes of moneys, as to them shall be thought meete & conuenient, in due & proportionable maner, according as rates, taskes and tallages haue bene afore this time vsed to be there rated and leuied, or as nere thereunto as they can: And that such person and persons as they shall appoynt for the gathering, leuying or rating thereof, shall haue hereby full power and authoritie, by way of distresse, vpon denyal, refusal, or non payment, to leuie the same, And to make sale of such distresses, according to the statute of the xxii. of King Henry the eyght aforesayde, And the same moneys so leuyed, to be deliuered ouer and payed, so much thereof as shalbe leuyed within the Countie aforesayd, out of the liberties of the Towne of Cardiffe aforesayde, to the sayd Justices, or to two of them, whereof one to

to be of the Quorum, or to such person as they shall appoynt: And so much as shall be leuyed within the liberties of the saide Towne of Cardiffe, to be deliuered ouer to the sayde Maior and Bailifes, or any to be appoynted by the consent of them, or any two of them, who shall imploye the same with as much speede as conueniently may be, for the purpose aforesayd.

And if any within the Countie or liberties aforesayde, who shalbe tared or rated to pay any summe or summes of money in forme aforesayde, doe refuse the payment thereof, or otherwise withstande their distresses, or if any other that shall be charged to take, rate, gather, leuy or paye ouer any the moneys aforesayde, shall refuse, withstande, denie, or impugne to accomplishe commaundement in that behalfe, to further the speedy executing, paying, and doing that shall be to them appoynted in manner aforesayde: Then euery such person and persons, if they be out of the liberties of the sayde Towne of Cardiffe, shall be imprisoned without bayle or mayneprise, by the discretion of the sayde Justices, or any two of them, whereof the one to be of the Quorum: if within the sayde liberties, then by the discretion of the sayde Maior and Bailifes, or any two of them, vntill such time as they shall be conformable to abide the order of the sayde Justices, Maior and Bailifes for their sayde offences.

And moreouer, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, if the sayde Justices, Maior and Bailifes, or any one of them within their seuerall limites, not beyng letted by sickenelle, or some other true and reasonable excuse, shalbe negligent, or doe not by all wayes and meanes they can, procure the executing hereof by the space of two yeeres next after the ende or prorogation of this present Parliament, or hauing receyued any summe or summes of money aforesayde, towardes the reedifying of the sayde Bridge, doe detayne the same, or any part thereof in his or their handes, or do not imploy the same thereupon with all conuenient speede, and without any delay, But shall vse the same to his or their owne priuate profites, commodities or behoofes, to the hinderance of the said worke, That then euery such Justice, Maior and Bailifes for euery default, shall forfayte and lose the summe of fortie poundes, One moytie whereof shall be imployed towardes the buylding of the sayd Bridge, and the other moytie to him that shall sue for the same in any of the Queenes Courtes of Recorde, by action of debt, bill or information, wherein no Essoyne, protection or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

And forasmuch as the buylding and reedifying of the sayde

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Bridge, shall or may stande to small purpose, if prouision for repairing and maynteyning thereof from time to time, and as often as neede shall require, be not foreseene and duely considered:

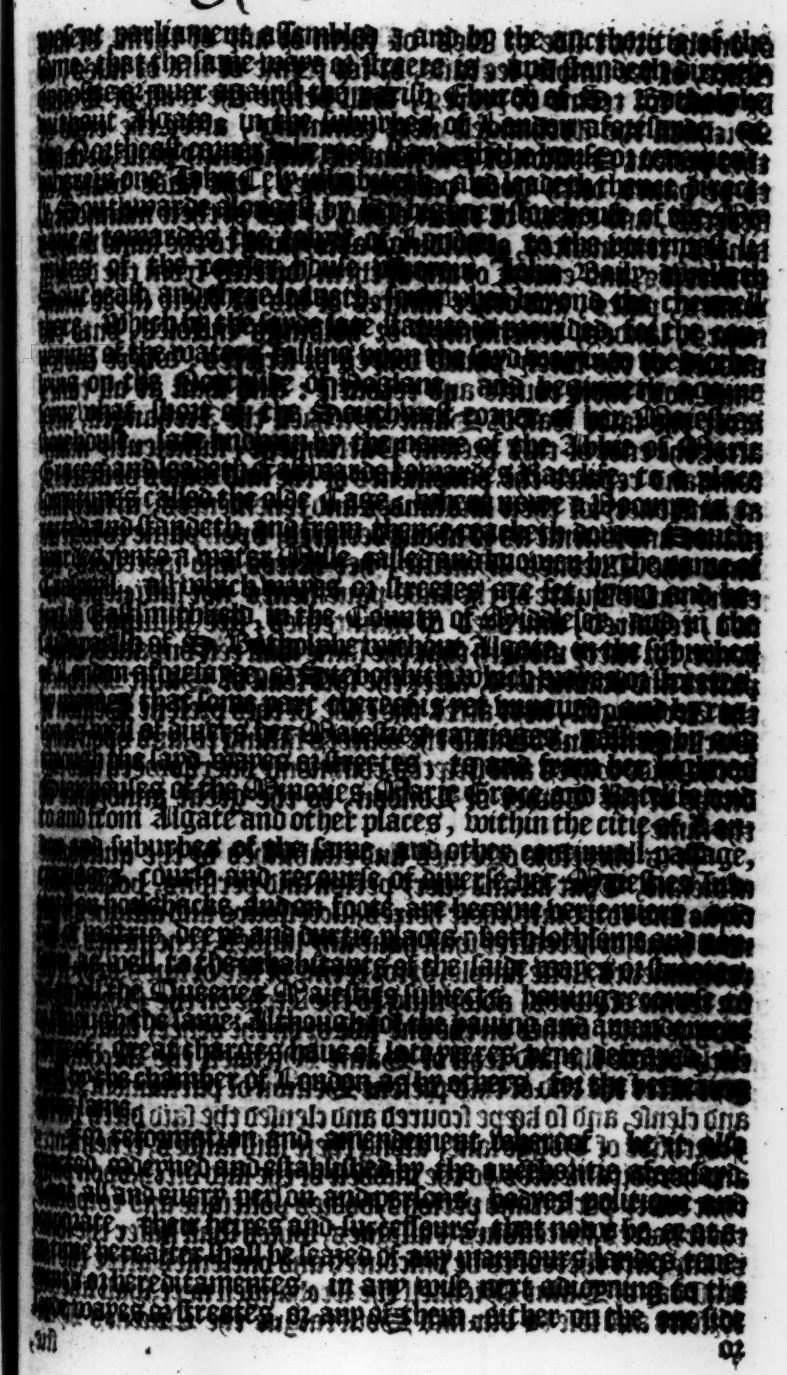
Be it therefore hereby enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that both the Towne of Cardiffe and whole countie of Glamorgan, shall ioyntly together from time to time, and as often as neede shall require, defraye all such charges as shalbe necessary in that behalfe, in maner and forme, and in like proportion as is beforesayde, upon the like payne aforesaid, if materiall default be made by the space aforesayde.

An acte for an addition vnto a former Act, made Anno xiii. of her Maiestie, for the pauing of a streete without Algate, leading to her Highnesse Storehouses at the Minories and other places.

Chapter xii.

Where, in the Parliament holdē at Westminster, in the thirteenth yere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth the Queenes Maiestie that now is, an Act was made and ordeined for the pauing of one waye betweene two posses next Algate, sometimes called the Barres next Algate, in the parishe of S. Botholphe, in the Suburbes of the Citie of London, and a corner house in the said parish, then in the occupation of Thomas Sparrow, and of other wayes or streetes in the saide acte expressed. In which act some doubts and defects haue byn and are: for explanation whereof and better prouision hereafter to be made for the amendement of the same wayes or streetes:

Be it explained and enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this present



tie, her heires and succeſſours, ſix ſhillings eight pence for euery rod, viz. ſixteene footes & a halfe, for euery moneth that the ſame ſhalbe vndone: The one halfe of all which forfaites to be to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours, and the other halfe to him or them that will ſue for the ſame.

And for the better keeping of the ſayde wayes or ſtrectes cleane & in good order, according to ỳ true meaning of this act: Be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, That there be choſen and appointed by thaſſignement and appointment of the Juſtices of peace within the citie of London, and in the ſaid Countie of Middleſex, yeerely at the feaſt of Saint Michaell the Archangel, one honeſt diſcreete mã, to be Scauenger for the yeere following. And euery houſe, garden and commoditie adioyning vpon the ſaid wayes or ſtreetes, to be tared, and the owners of the ſame to paye towardes the wages of the ſame Scauẽger, as it is accuſtomed in other places in the ſaid warde and elſwhere within the citie of London, and as the ſaid warde ſhall aſſeſſe, vpon paine to paye to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heires and ſucceſſours, for euery defaulte, ſixe ſhillings eight pence.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, That the Juſtices of Peace within the citie of London, or els the Juſtices of the Peace in the ſaid Countie of Middleſex, which for the time ſhalbe, at all times hereafter at the generall Seſſions of Peace to be kept & holden in the ſaide Countie of Middleſex, ſhall haue aucthoritie to enquire of al and euery the ſaid defaultes to be done within the power and limites of their cõmiſſion: And further, to ſet and aſſeſſe for ſuch defaultes, vpon all and euery the perſon and perſons, and bodies politique and corporate aforeſaid, all ſuch further penalties and ſummes of money for the not pauing, repairing, amending, ſcouring, cleanſing & maintayning of the ſaid wayes, ſtreetes and ditche, as to their diſcretions ſhalbe thought meete. And that all ſuch penalties & ſummes of money, as ſhalbe aſſeſſed and tared, ſhalbe forfeited and loſt to our ſaide Soueraigne Lady, her heires and ſucceſſours, as aforeſaid.

Anno xxiij.

An acte for the Inning of Earyth and Plumsted Marsh.

Chap.xiii.

Where in the fift and eight yeres of the Reigne of our most excellent soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, two seueral statutes were made touching the Inning and fencing of certaine Groundes and Marshes lying in the parishes of Earith, Lynes and Plumsted in the Countie of Kent, then commonly knowen by the names of Earith, Lynes and Plumsted marshe, from the water and floodes of the Riuer of Thames, and for the partition and diuision of the sayd groundes and marshes, which so should happen to be Inned, fenced and wonne within certayne times therein lymited, with diuers and sundrie other clauses and branches in the sayd two seuerall statutes made touching the sayd grounds and marshes, as by the same more fully appeareth: Amonges which sayd clauses and branches, It is by and in the sayd Statute made in the sayd eight yeere of the Reigne of our sayd Soueraygne Lady, amongest other things enacted, That it should and might be lawfull to John Baptista Castilion, one of the Groomes of the Queenes Maiesties priuie Chamber, John Gresham, Frauncis Robinson, Richard Pong, Symon Horspoole and Henry Maye, their heyres and Assignes, and to euery other their Seruants, Factours, Deputies, Labourers and Workemen, and to euery of them, at the costs and charges of the sayd John Baptista, John Gresham, Frauncis Robinson, Richard Pong, Symon Horspoole & Henry Maye, their heyres or Assignes, at all and euery time & times after the tenth day of Marche then next ensuing, during the tearme of eight yeeres then next following, to Inne, fence and wynne the residue of all & singuler the grounds and marshes aforesaid, then surrounded and ouerflowen with water, or any part or parcell of the, or any

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of them, at their willes and pleasure, and to labour, worke and trauell from time to time, during the said tearme of eight yeres, in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing and winning of the sayde grounds and marshes, & euery or any of them, or in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing and winning of any parte or parcell of them, or any of them, as by the same statute made in the sayd eight yere, more fully and plainely appeareth. Since the making of which sayd statute, the sayd John Grellham lawfully constituted one Thomas Allen to be his Assignee, & the sayde Henry Maye likewise constituted one Walter Fisher to be his Assignee, to and for the aforesayd assayres. And where, forasmuch as fiue yeres, parcell of the sayde eight yeres, were almost expired the eight daye of Maye, in the fourteenth yeere of the Reigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, and that the Inning, fencing and winning of the sayd groundes and marshes, was a huge charge, and required so much labour, as that it could not be finished without longer time, And for that during the time of restraint betweene this Realme and the Lowe Countreyes, workemen most fitte for that purpose, could not be had by any meanes, and for that also the sayd groundes and marshes beeing once Inned, fenced and wonne, would be greatly profitable to the Common wealth, by the occasion of great nombers of Cattell that might there be kept, It was in the Session of Parliament holden at Westminster the said eight day of May, in the sayd fourteenth yere of the Reigne of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in that Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, That it should and might be lawfull to the sayd John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Allen, Fraunces Robinson, Richard Young, Symon Horspoole and Walter Fisher, their heyres and Assignes, and to euery other their Seruants, Factors, Deputies, Labourers and Workemen, and to euery of them, at the costs and charges of the sayd John Baptista, Thomas Allen, Fraunces Robinson, Richard Yong, Symon Horsepoole and Walter Fisher, their heyres and assignes, at al and euery time and times after the tenth day of June then next ensuing, during the tearme of eight yeres then next following, to Inne, fence and winne the residue of all and singuler the groundes and marshes aforesayd, then surrounded or ouerflowen with water, or any part or parcell of them, or any of them, at their willes and pleasure, and to labour, worke and trauell from time to time during the sayde tearme of eight yeres, in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing

and winning of the sayd groundes and marshes, and euery or any of them, or in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing and winning of any parte or parcel of them or any of them: And that immediatly after the Inning, fencing and winning of the sayde groundes and marshes or any of them, or any parte or parcell of them or any of them from the saide Water and floods as is aforesayd, the sayd John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Allen, Fraunces Robinson, Richard Young, Symon Horsepoole and Walter Fisher, their heires and assignes, should haue and enioye to them, their heyres and assignes for euer, the one moytie of the sayde groundes and marshes so by them to bee Inned, fenced and wonne, and should haue equal partition thereof to be made after such maner as the sayde John Baptista Castilion, John Gresham, Fraunces Robinson, Richard Young, Symon Horsepoole and Henry Maye should haue had by force of the said former recited statute, made in the sayd eight yere of the Queenes Maiesties Reigne, if they the sayde John Baptista Castilion, John Gresham, Fraūcis Robinson, Richard Young, Symon Horsepoole and Henry May had Inned, fenced and wonne the sayde groundes and marshes, according to the purporte of the sayde statute: And that the other part of the sayd groundes and marshes so then to be Inned, should bee to such persons, and in such maner, as by the sayd former recited statute is likewise mentioned: And that the sayd groundes and marshes so to be thereafter Inned, fenced and wonne by the sayde John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Allen, Fraunces Robinson, Richard Young, Symon Horsepoole and Walter Fisher, their heyres, assignes, seruants, Deputies, Labourers and workemen, should be holden of such persons, and should be discharged of all Tythes for such like time, as by the sayd former recited Acte, made in the sayde eight yere of the Queenes Maiesties Reigne, is lymited and appoynted, as by the sayd later recited statute, made in the sayde fourteenth yeere more fully & at large it doeth and may appeare. Since the making of which statute in the sayde fourteenth yeer, All the partes, portions and interests of the Inners aforesayde, by lawfull conueyaunces, right and assuraunce, be in, and are come vnto the handes of the sayd John Baptista Castilion, and of Thomas Smyth, George Barne, the sayd Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Guychardine & Roger James, according to their seuerall porcions & the seuerall assignements thereof to them made. And where the sayde eyght yeres lymited in the sayd statute of the said fourteenth yeere, are now fully expired, and that the Inning, fencing and Winning of the

the sayd groundes and marshes; hath by some Tempestes and Floods of water, and by sundry other impediments, by the acte of God and otherwise, besides the huge greatnes and charge of the worke it selfe byn so hindred, that it tan not be finished without longer time: And whereas the owners of the sayd grounds and marshes, That is to say, those persons, their heyres and assignes, and such as haue the estate of those which were owners of the sayd groundes and marshes before the surrounding therof, to whome the sayd other halfe of the sayd groundes and marshes is by the sayd former statute made in the saide eight yeere mencioned, to be lymited and appointed, Haue in consideration of the great charges already imployed, and yet to bee imployed in the Inning, fencing and winning of the said marshes, consented and agreed, That the sayde John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Smith, George Barne, Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Guychardine and Roger James, their heyres and assignes, shal haue to them, their heyres and assignes for euer, one eight parte of the sayd other halfe, ouer and aboue the one halfe by the saide statute made in the sayde fourteenth yere lymited and appoynted to the said John Baptista Castilion, and others as is aforesayd:

It is nowe therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, That it shall and may be lawfull to the sayde John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Smyth, George Barne, Richarde Young, Thomas Fysher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Guychardine and Roger James, their heires and assignes, and to euery other their seruaunts, factours, deputies, labourers and workemen, and to euery of them, at the costs and charges of the said John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Smith, George Barne, Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Guychardine and Roger James, their heires and assignes, at all and euery time and times after the ende of this Session of Parliament, during the tearme of two yeeres then next following, to Inne, fence and wynne the residue of all and singuler the groundes and marshes aforesayde, nowe surrounded or ouerflowen with water, or any parte or parcell of them or any of them, at their willes and pleasure, and to labour, worke and trauell from time to time, during the said tearme of two yeeres, in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing and winning of the sayde groundes and marshes, and euery or any of them, or in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing and winning

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of any part or parcell of them, or any of them, And for the Inning and fencing of the sayd marshes and grounds, and for the mayntayning and continuing of the inning and fencing of the said marshes and grounds to be inned, to take and vse so much reede and earth yeerely, as is or shalbe in or vpon the premisses, without contradiction or denyall of any person or persons, for the making, defence or safegard of the sayde wall onely, and not otherwise to be employed. And that immediately after the inning, fencing and winning of the said grounds and marshes, or any of them, or any part or parcell of them, or any of them from the sayde water and floods, as is aforesayde, The saide John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Smith, George Barne, Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Guychardine, and Roger James, their heires and assignes, shal haue and enioye to them, their heires and assignes for euer, the one halfe of all the sayde grounds, and also for and in consideration that they shall maintayne and repaire the walles and bankes of the same marshes so hereafter to be wonne, by the space of one whole yeere next after the inning and partition thereof, at the costs and charges of the sayde Inners, shall further haue and enioye to them and to their heires, one eyght part of the other halfe of the sayde grounds and marshes so hereafter inned, fenced and wonne, And shall likewise haue equall partition both of the saide halfe, and of the saide eight part of the said other halfe, to be made after such maner, as for the sayde halfe by the sayde former statutes made in the saide eight and fourteenth yeres is limited and appoynted, as if the same grounds and marshes had bene then inned and wonne accordingly, And that the residue of the sayde other halfe of the said grounds and marshes so to be inned, the saide eyght part being deducted as is aforesaide, shalbe to such persons, and in such maner and forme as by the saide former recited Statute made in the sayde eyght and fourteenth yeres is likewise mencioned. And that the grounds and marshes, and all grounds and marshes hereafter to be inned, fenced and wonne by the sayde John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Smith, George Barne, Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Guychardine, & Roger James, their heires, assignes, seruants, deputies, labourers, and workemen, or by any of them, shall be holden of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, as of her Mannour of East Greenewiche in the Countie of Kent, in free Socage by fealtie, and one penny of rent of euery acre for all seruices, and of none other person or persons, or by any other seruices whatsoeuer. And that

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further in consideration of their great costs, charges and trauell, as well heretofore as hereafter to be susteyned and borne about the same, That the sayde landes and marshes hereafter to be inned as aforesayde, shalbe discharged of all tythes whatsoeuer, for & during the tearme of seuen yeres next after the inning, fencing and winning of the same. And where there are (and by Gods acte may be) certaine shelues and foreslandes more then nowe are, lying betweene the walles and boundes of the sayde marshes to be wonne, and the Riuer of Thames, vpon some of which do or may growe Reedes and other things, profitable for the repairing of the sayde wall from time to time:

It is further enacted, that the sayd foreslandes shalbe in common to the saide owners and Inners, their heires and assignes, and shalbe kept and mayntayned at the common charges of the sayde owners and Inners, their heires and assignes, And that it shall not be lawfull for any person, to digge or carry any of the earth or stuffe of the sayde foreslandes, or any of them, nor any reede or other thing thereupon growing or being, but onely for the reparation and maintayning of the walles and fences of the sayde marshes, on payne that euery person, which shall cutte, digge, carry away, or cause to be cutte, digged or caryed awaye any grounde, reede or other thing to any other vse then is aboue appointed, shall forfaite for euery such offence, the summe of fiue pounde of lawfull money of Englande, for which it shall be lawfull for the saide Inners, or owners, or any of them, to sue for the same by action of debt, bill, playnt or information in any Court of Recorde, In which suite no essoyne, protection, wager of Law, nor writte of priuiledge for the defendant, shalbe admitted or allowed, all which summes so to be recouered, the charges of the said suite being deducted, shalbe employed to the reparation of the layd walles and fences.

And be it likewise enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all bondes, couenants and agreements heretofore had or made, whereby the saide Inners, their heires or assignes shoulde haue any lesse or shorter time for the inning, winning and fencing of the said marshes, or whereby the same Inners, their heires and assignes shoulde haue and enioye any lesse or smaller portion of the layd marshes for their charges, paynes and industrie about the inning and winning of the same marshes, then is limited and appointed vnto them by this present Acte, and that all bondes, couenauntes and promises, tending to the preuenting, hindering or staying of the making of this Acte, shalbe vtterly voyde, frustrate, and of no force nor effect in the lawe, any thing

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to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this Acte shall not extend to the late inned marshes, commonly called or knowē by the name of Earith marshes, or the bankes, wastes, and forelandes of the same, or to the reede or other commodities growing or comming in or by reason of the same, or any part thereof.

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Reginæ Elizabethæ.

An acte for the confirmation of the Subsidie of the Cleargie.

Chap.xiiii.

WHere the Prelates and Cleargie of this prouince of Canterburie, haue most louingly and liberally for certeyne considerations, giuen and graunted to the Queenes most excellent Maiestie a Subsidie of fiue shillings of the pounde, to bee taken and leuied of all and singuler their Promocions Spirituall within the sayde prouince, during the terme of three yeres now next ensuing, in such certeine maner & forme, and with such exceptions & prouisions, as be specified and conteined in a certeine Instrument by them thereof made and deliuered to the Queenes Highnes, vnder the Seale of the most Reuerende Father in God, Edmunde, nowe Archebishop of Canterburie, and Primate of al England, which Instrument is nowe exhibited in this present Parliament, to be ratified and confirmed. The tenour whereof ensueth in these wordes:

The Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, being lawfully congregated and assembled together in a Conuocation or Synode, considering their bounden dueties to your Maiestie their most natural and gracious souereigne Lady, and hauing in remembrance the manifolde and ample benefites which they dayly receyue, not onely by your most gracious and godly gouernement, whereby they bee conserued in peace and quietnes, and so more able to serue God, and intende to their office and vocation, But also, and that most chiefly, by the setting forth and aduauncing of Gods most holy worde, and his sincere and true Religion in this your Realme, and abolishing all forraine power contrarie to the same: Considering also aswell the great charges, wherewith it cannot be, but that your Maiestie from time to time is like to be burthened, in defending and

preseruing this your Realme, with other your Highnesse Dominions, as also the great charges wherewith your Maiestie hath bene in Irelande, and presently is charged, by reason of popishe mutinies and attemptes to the ouerthrowe of the true Religion and your Highnesse estate, as much as such practises either could or can preuayle.

In consideration of the premisses, and for a true declaration of their bounden dueties, good hearts and mindes towards your Maiestie, with one vniforme agreement, accorde and consent together, with most heartie good will haue giuen and graunted, and by these presents doe giue and graunt to your Highnesse, your Heires and Successors, one Subsidie in maner and forme following.

That is to saye, That euerie Archebishoppe, Bishop, Deane, Archedeacon, Prouost, Master of Colledge, Prebendarie, Parson, Vicar, and euerie other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree hee or they bee within the prouince of Canterburie, enioying any Spirituall promotion, or other Temporall possession to the same Spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuided nor separated by acte of Parliament or otherwise from the possession of the Cleargie, shall pay to your Highnesse, your Heires and Successors, for euery ponnde that hee may yerely dispende by reason of the sayd Spirituall promotion, the summe of sixe shillings. And for the true and certayne value of all the promotions and euery of them, wherof the paiment of this Subsidie shalbe made, the Rate, Taration, Valuation, Estimation nowe remayning of Recorde in your Maiesties Courte of Exchequer, for the payment of perpetuall Disme or Tenthe graunted to your Maiesties most Noble Father, in the sixe and twentieth yeere of his reigne, concerning such promocions as nowbee in the possession of the Cleargie, or of any other not deuided by any acte of Parliament, or otherwise alienated from the possession of the Cleargie, shall onely bee followed and obserued, without making any Valuation, Rate, Taration or Estimation, other then in the saide Recorde is nowe comprised.

Prouided alwayes, that forasmuch as the tenth parte of the sayde Rate and Valuation before mencioned, is yerely payde to your Highnesse for the saide perpetuall Disme, so as there remaineth onely nyne partes to the Incumbent cleare: This Subsidie of sixe shillings the pounde, shalbe vnderstanded and meant onely of euery pounde of the sayd nine partes, and of no more.

Prouided alwayes, that no person that is alreadie promoted to any benefice or Spirituall promocion, and hath compounded

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with your Maiestie for the first fruites of the same; sithence the first day of October last past, in the yere of our Lorde, one thousand fiue hundreth fourescore, or that is or hereafter shalbe promoted to any benefice or Spirituall promotion; and shall compound with your Maiestie, your Heires or Successours, for the first fruites of the same, on thisside the first day of October, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde one thousande fiue hundreth fourescore and three, shalbe contributorie or charged for the same benefice or promocion to your Highnes, your Heires or Successors, with any part of this Subsidie, during the first yeere after the time of any such compounding for his first fruites: And that euerie such person already promoted to any benefice or spirituall promotion, as hath compounded with your Maiestie for the first fruites of the same, betweene the first date of October, in the yere of our Lorde God, one thousande fiue hundreth seuentie and nine, and the saide first day of October, in the yere of our Lorde God, one thousande fiue hundreth and fourescore, shalbe contributorie or charged for the same promotion to your Highnesse, your Heires or Successors, but only with the moytie of the first payment of the sayd Subsidie, in respect that the moytie of his first fruites for the sayde promotion, remayned vnpayed to your Maiestie the sayd first of October, one thousand fiue hundreth and fourescore.

And your Prelates and Cleargie also doe graunt, that this Subsidie of fiue shillings the pounde, of the nine partes of the yerely value of euery promotion spirituall aforesaide within the sayde prouince tared as is aforesaid, shalbe payde to your Maiestie, your Heires and Successors, within three yeeres next ensuing the date hereof, in maner and forme following: That is to say, two shillings of euery pounde aforesayde, in euery of the said three yeeres: The first payment thereof to be due at the first day of October now next ensuing, in the yere of our Lord, one thousande fiue hundreth foure score and one: And the seconde payment thereof to be done at the first day of October, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde, a thousande fiue hundreth foure score and two: And the thirde payment thereof to be due at the first day of October, in the yeere of our Lorde, one thousande fiue hundreth foure score and three, to be deliuered and payde yerely, by such person and persons as in this present graunt shalbe appointed to haue the Collection thereof to the Lorde high Treasurer, or vnder Treasurer of England for the time being, or to such other person or persons, and to such place or places, as it shall please your highnesse to appoint to be paide, at or before the two

and twentieth day of Januarie, in euery of the sayd three yeres, without paying any thing to the receiuer, or to any other officer or persons to bee alligned for the receite thereof, for any Acquitaunce or other discharge vpon any such payment or receite of the sayde Subsidie, or any parte thereof, to be giuen and deliuered but onely foure pence, and that to the Clarke, for writing of euery of the same Acquitances or discharge for euery of the same payments.

Item, your highnesse said Prelates and Cleargie also do graūt, that euery Priest and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pencion payable by your Maiestie, your Heyres or Successors, by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chaunteries, Fraternities, Guildes and Hospitals, or of any other Spirituall dignitie or Corporation nowe dissolued within the sayde prouince of Canterburie, shall likewise pay to your Highnesse, your Heyres and Successors, sixe shillings of euery pounde of the sayde pencions, within the said three yeeres, at such dayes and times as are before specified: And that for the sure payment thereof, deduction and detention of the sayd sixe shillings shalbe made yeerely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pencions, after the rate and porcion of two shillings the pound, euery of the said three yeres to be accompted for and answered to your Maiesties vse, by your highnesse Receiuours and Officers deputed for payment of such pencions, in their seuerall accomptes, within the which allowance shall be giuen them for the payment of euery such pencions, liable to the seuerall payments of the sayd Subsidie.

Item, your sayd Prelates and Cleargie doe graunt, that euery Priest or Minister stipendary, receiuing an annuall stipend, being no perpetuitie of eight pounds or aboue within the sayde prouince, shall paye vnto the vse of your Highnesse, your Heyres & Successors, sixe shillings and eight pence in euerie of the sayde three yeres, at such time and to such persons, as the sayd Subsidies shalbe payed: And for default of payment of the said stipendaries, that euery Parson, Vicar or other Spirituall or Temporall person, Proprietarie or Farmour, hyring any Priest or Minister to serue in any place, shalbe answerable and charged for and with the payment of the sayde sixe shillinges and eight pence for the sayde Priest or Minister, euery of the sayde three yeres, and shall and may make retention of his and their wages quarterly, of so much as the sayd stipendaries be charged with by this present graunt, euery of the said three yeres.

Item, your said Prelates and Cleargie doe graunt, that euery

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Archbishop and Bishoppe, and (the Sea being voyde) euery Deane and Chapiter of that Sea voyde, shalbe Collectours of this Subsidie within their proper Dioces, during the sayde three yeres, other then of the pencioners aforesaide, and the sayd Archbishop, Bishop, or the Sea being voyde, the Deane and Chapiter shal certifie into your Maiesties Court of Exchequier, vnder their Seales, the names and surnames of al such stipendarie Priestes & Ministers within their Dioces, as be chargeable by this acte, at or before the sayd two and twenticth daye of Januarie, yerely during the sayd three yeres.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie doe most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may bee enacted by your Maiestie and your high Court of Parliament (for the speedie payment of the sayde Subsidie, and to auoyde delayes thereof) that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of this Subsidie, or of any part thereof, or the Deputie or Deputies of any of them, shall offer the paiment thereof, or of any part thereof, to the vse of your Maiestie, your Heyres or Successours, to any person or persons appointed to receiue the same by your Highnes, or by the said Lord high Treasourer, or Vndertreasourer, that ỳ sayde person or persons so appointed, shall within foure dayes next after such appoyntment, receiue, or cause to be receiued the money so offered to be payd, without any further delay, and shall deliuer one sufficient bill, testifying the receite thereof, to the sayde Collectour or his Deputie, vpon euerie such particuler payment: And that euery such Auditour as is or shalbe appoynted to take or receiue the accompt of any such Collectour or Collectours, shall within fiue dayes next after request to him to be made, truely and indifferently take the said accompt, and make allowance, as by this graunt is appointed, vpon paine that euery such person and persons appointed to receiue the same summe or summes of money so offred, and euery such Auditour shall lose and forfeite for euery default or delay to be made, to ỳ sayd Collectour or Collectours so offering to make payment or accompt as is aforesaid, the summe of tenne pounds of lawful money of England, the one moytie thereof to be to your Maiestie, your Heires and Successours, and the other moytie to the sayd Collectour or Collectours so grieued, the same to bee payd vpon complaint made to the sayd Lord Treasourer, vnder Treasourer, or to ỳ Lord chiefe Baron of your Maiesties Court of Exchequier, who vpon such cõplaint, shall presently examine the matter, and finding default, shall commit the offendour to warde, there to remaine vntil he shall haue payde the said seue-

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And for the better leuying and recouering of the sayde Subsidie, your saide Prelates and Clergie do likewise most humbly beseeche your Highnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie and your sayde high Courte of Parliament, in maner and forme following (that is to saye) That euery Collector of the sayde Subsidie, and of euery part and parcell thereof, and their lawful Deputie or Deputies, may haue full power and authoritie to vse all such wayes and meanes and procesle as be prescribed in the Acte of perpetuall disme for the Collection and leuying of the same, and may make accompt thereof before the Lorde high Treasourer, or Undertreasourer of Englande for the time beyng, or any other Officer by your Highnesse or your Court of Exchequier to be appointed for the same, and in such place as your Maiestie likewise shall assigne, in such wise and after such forme onely, as the sayde Archbishops and Bishoppes be now charged to make accompt for the said perpetuall Disme or Tenth, whereby is meant, that the lacke and default of payment of and for any Spirituall promotion or promotions, shall onely charge the incumbent or incumbentes, and such others as be bounden to paye the same, And that the Archebishoppe, Bishoppe, Deane and Chapitor, gathering that which they can receyue, and making payment thereof, shall for the rest not by them receyued, be discharged by their Certificat to be made at or before the two and twentieth day of Januarie, in euery of the sayd three yeres, vnto your Highnesse Court of Exchequier, And that fiue pence of euery pounde, wherewith the Collectour shall be charged in his accompt clearely to be payed in to the receite of your Maiesties Exchequier, or into such other place as shall please your Highnesse to appoynt, shall be allowed to the sayde Collectour vpon his accompt for the same in euery of the sayde three yeres for the charges of Collection, portage, fake conueying and paying of the same Subsidie.

And moreouer, that it may be enacted likewise, that after any payment of the sayde Subsidie shalbe once due by vertue of this graunt in any of the sayde three yeres, if any incumbent of any benefice or promotion Spirituall charged to the payment of the same Subsidie, beyng at any time after that the same payment shall be due, lawfully monished, either perdonally or at his dewe title, shall, Church or mansion house by the Archbishoppe or Bishoppe of the Dioces, or his deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chapitor (the Sea being voyde) or by any their deputie or deputies auctho[r]ized in that behalfe, to appeare by himselfe, or his

his deputie, at a certaine daye or place of conuenient distance to the sayde Incumbent then to be signified and prefixed, and then and there to pay such part of the sayde Subsidie for his benefice or promotion spirituall, as then by vertue of this graunt shalbe due, doe not eyther at the same day and place so to him signified and prefixed, truely content and paye, or cause to be contented and payed the same part of the sayde Subsidie, which then by him shalbe due to be payed vnto the same Archbishop or Bishop, or to his deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chapitor of any Sea being voyde, or to their deputie or deputies, or to one of them shewing sufficient deputation from the sayde Archebishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chapitor, vnder his or their Seale in that behalfe, being ready at the same daye and place so signified and prefixed, to receiue any payment of the sayde Subsidie then due, and openly demaunding the same, or else pay the same within fortie dayes next after any such prefixed daye at the furthest (so that open demaunde be made of the sayde Subsidie in and at the sayde place and day before prefixed:) that then euery Incumbent so making default of payment of his parte of the sayde Subsidie, in any of the sayd three yeres, after such default thereof certified into your Maiesties Exchequier in writing, vnder the Seale and hande writing of any Archbishop or Bishop, or the common seale of the Deane and Chapitor, the Sea being voyde, charged with the Collection of the same Subsidie, so that the sayde Certificat shalbe made according to the forme hereafter expressed, and exhibited into your Maiesties sayde Court of Exchequier, at or before the two and twentieth day of Januarie in euery of the saide three yeres, shall forfeite and lose vnto your Maiestie, your heires or Successours, all the profites which of that only dignitie, benefice or promotion, for the which he maketh such default of payment, and whereof such certificat shalbe made, shall come, growe or arise vnto him, (ouer and aboue the charges of seruing of the Cure) in one whole yeere next after such Certificat made and deliuered into your Highnesse Court of Exchequer, and there admitted, in case the same Incumbent shall so long liue: And that euery Certificat of any such default of payment, shalbe made according to the tenour and effect ensuing, mutatis mutandis.

Honorabilibus & egregiis viris Domino Thesaurario & Baronibus de Scaccario Illustrissimæ Dominæ nostræ Dominæ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defensoris, &c. Vester humilis I. permissione diuina L. Episcopus, authoritate & vigore cuiusdam actus parliamenti, anno regni dictæ Dominæ Reginæ

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nę vicesimo tertio editi, & prouisi ad colligendum & leuandum Subsidium eidem dominæ Reginæ, in eodem parliamento per Prælatos & Clerum Cantuarien. prouinciæ concessum: videlicet, pro prima solutione inde soluend. primo die Octobris vltimo præterito infra Dioceſim nostram deputatus & authorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore. Vestris reuerentiis harum serie annuntio & certifico, me præfatum Episcopũ modo quo præfertur deputat. & authorizat. sufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requisisse per deputat. meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione ecclesiastica, in quadã Schedula præsentibus annexa specificatis summas dicti Subsidii, pro dictis beneficiis & promotionibus debitas pro prima solutione dicti Subsidii debiti soluend. dicto primo die Octobris vltimo prętcrito, prout in eadem schedula prętsentibus annex. plenius liquet & apparet. Sed dictas summas ex causis in eadem schedula allegatis recipere nõ potui. In cuius rei Testimonium Sigillum meum prętsentibus apponi feci dat. die Anno Domini millimo quingentesimo, octogesimo primo. **The forme of which schedule aboue mentioned ensueth.**

Ciuitas London vel Deconatus de H. A. B. rector vel vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud prædict. die vltimo præterit. per N. O. Deputatum meum ad soluend. apud ecclesiam de L. in commitat. E. die tunc prox. sequen. illam partem Subsidii per ipsum debitã primo die Octobris vltimo præterito, pro promotione sua prędicta. Sed prędict. A. B. nec apud ecclesiam de L. predictam eodem die nec alibi per quadragiota dies postea summam per ipsum debitam (vt prętfertur) soluit vel satisfecit, neque dictã summam de proficuis dictę promotionis nec de bonis & cattallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo leuare siue recipere potui.

Prouided alwayes, that if any person or Incumbent chargeable by this acte or graunt to any paimẽt of this Subsidie, shal profer or tender paiment of any summe due to the Archbishoppe or Bishoppe, or to the Deane and Chapter, where the sea is voyde, or to any deputie or deputies of any Archbishop, Bishop or Deane and chapter aforesaide, at any time before the certificat exhibited into the Exchequer as is aforesaid: That thẽ notwithstanding the certificat made as is aforesaide, against any such person, the saide Incumbent or person, against whom the certificat was so made, shall and may auerre the offer or tender of his paiment as is aforesaid, and of the same shalbe tried, either by sufficient witnesses before the Lorde Treasourer or Barons of the Exchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, vpon any

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issue thereupon to be ioyned betwixt the same Incumbent or any other person or persons, that he or any for him did offer or tender the paiment of the summe due as is aforesaid: That then euery such Incumbent shall haue and enioye his promotion in promotions still, without forfaiting or losing to your Maiestie, your heires or successours, any of the profites thereof, and as though no certificat or default of such paiment had bin made or exhibited, any thing in this graunt or act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And furthermore, that it may be enacted likewise, that euery Archbishop and Bishop, and Deane and chapter of euery Sea vacant, and other persons chargeable to and with the collection of the said Subsidie of fiue shillings the pound, within the said province of Canterburie, shall and may haue vpon euery payment of the same Subsidie made to the Lorde high Treasourer, or vnder Treasourer of Englande for the time being, or to such other person or persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shall please your highnes or your court of Exchequer to appoint for the receipt thereof in euery of the said three yeeres, a sufficient acquittance, discharge, or quietus est in writing of the saide Lorde high Treasourer or vnder Treasourer, or of such other person or persons, as either your highnes or your said court of Exchequer shal assigne for the receipt thereof, or as heretofore in the like cases it hath byn accustomed: ỳ same acquittance, discharge or quietus est witnessing ỳ receipt of asmuch of the same summe of the said subsidie as shalbe so receiued. And euery such acquittance, discharge or quietus est in writing, sealed or subscribed with the name or names of the said Lord high Treasourer, or vnder Treasourer for the time being, or of such auditor or other person or persons, as it shall please your highnes or your said court of Exchequer to appoint for the same receiptes, or of such others as heretofore in like cases it hath bene vsed, shal and may be good and effectuall in the Lawe, and be also as sufficient discharge to all and euery of the said collectors, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as if the same were made by act of parliament. And that euery of the saide collectors shall pay but only three shillings and foure pence for euery generall and sealed acquittance, discharge or quietus est, for euery yeeres payment of the said Subsidie: And also that euery particuler acquittance, which vpon paiment of any part of the saide subsidie shalbe made by any collector or collectors of the same subsidie, or of any paiment thereof, or by his or their deputie or deputies in

that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any person or persons contributorie and chargeable to and with the same subsidie or any part or paimēt thereof, shalbe good and effectuall in the Lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge to euery such incumbent and other person and his benefice and promotion spirituall, of and for all such summe and summes of money, as by the same acquittance shalbe acknowledged to be receiued in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any paiment or part of the same subsidie: And that none acquittance of any other person or persons made before such certificat, shall in any wise discharge any person or promotion for any part of this subsidie, nor of any paine, penaltie or forfaiture specified in this graunt: And to the intent it may be knowen to the court of Exchequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery such Archbishop, Bishop or Deane and chapiter, able to make acquittance, euery Archbishop, Bishop and Deane and chapiter of any sea being voyde, shall yeerely with the certificat of the names of stipendarie priestes, certifie the name and names of euery the deputies, to bee appointed as is aforesaid.

Prouided alwaies, that no spirituall promotiōs, or any lāds, possessions or reuenues annexed to the same, being charged by this graunt of the prouince of Canterbury, or any goods or cattels growing, being or renewing vpon the same, or els where appertaining to the owners of the saide spirituall promotions, or to any of them, shalbe charged or made contributorie to any fifteenth or tenth, or any other subsidie already granted to your highnes by the Laytie, or hereafter to be graunted, during the terme of the saide three yeeres.

Prouided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens and Prebendaries of all cathedrall and collegiate churches and colleges, or any of them within the said prouince, shalbe charged with this subsidie for those possessions, reuenues and promotions onely, which to their seuerall promotions, dignities and roomes are clerely and distinctly limited, and to their owne onely vses seuered, thereof to paye (the tenth part being deducted) sixe shillings of euery pound, within ye said three yeeres, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed: And that all those rentes, possessions, profites, portions, hereditaments, and spiritual promotions, and euery of them heretofore by your highnes, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other person or persons whatsoeuer, giuen, graunted, bequethed,

quethed, diuiſed or imployed vnto the ſayde Cathedrall or collegiat churches or colleges, or to any of them, which any waies be aſſigned, vnployed or bſed, either for or towardes the yeerely maintenaunce of poore men, Scholemaſters, Ushers, Grammatians, Peticanons, Conductes, Vicars, Chorall readers of muſicke, Singing men, Choriſters, Vergers, Sextens, or of any other neceſſarie and bailie officers or miniſters, in ſuch Cathedrall or collegiat churches or colleges, or any of them, or for or towardes the reedifying or repairing of any of the ſame Cathedrall or collegiate churches or colleges, ſhall not be charged with any part of this ſubſidie. The certaintie of which portions aswell chargeable to this ſubſidie, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archebiſhop, or Biſhop of the Diocee, or (the Sea being voide) the Deane and chapter, or any other to whom the ſame ſhall or may appertaine vpon due ſearche & examination, ſhall certifie vnder his or their ſeale, into your highnes ſaid court of Exchequier, at or before the ſaid xxii. day of Januarie, in euery of the ſaide three yeeres.

Prouided alwaies, that euery Parſon, Vicar or other ſpirituall perſon paying any penſion whereof no allowaunce is made in the valuacion of his promotion or benefice, ſhall and may retaine two ſhillings of euery pound, of euery ſuch penſion euery yeare during the ſaid three yeeres to his owne reliefe, in conſideracion that he is charged to pay this Subſidie of fiue ſhillings the pound but of euery pound, of the whole value of his promotion, any couenaunt, graunt or bonde to the contrarie notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo, and your ſayd Prelates and Clergie doe moſt humbly beſeech your highnes, that it may be enacted by your Maieſties auctoritie, and your high court of Parliament, that where certaine landes, tenementes, rentes, ſpirituall promotions, fiues, pentions, portions, fruites and other hereditamēts, lately belonging to diuers cathedrall churches, and to other places and perſons eccleſiaſticall within the ſaide prouince of Canterburie, which were giuen and aſſigned to be beſtowed and ſpent, in and on finding and maintening of certaine chauntries, anniuerſaries, obites, lightes, lampes, and other like charges, intentes and purpoſes, of late came into the handes and poſſeſſion of the late king of famous memorie, Edward the firſt, by force of a ſtatute thereof made in the firſt yeere of his late reigne, as by the ſaide Statute more plainely appeareth: That ſ laide Cathedrall churches, and the Biſhops, Deanes or

Presidentes and Chapitors, and Prebendaries of the same, and all other places and persons ecclesiasticall or any of them, to whom the said landes, rentes and other the premisses or any of them did lately appertaine, shall not during ỹ said three yeeres, be charged to and with any paiment of subsidie, of and for that part or portion of landes, tenements, rentes, spirituall promotions and other hereditaments, or any of them, whereunto the said late king, by force of the said statute, was intituled or possessed of, nor of any yeerely rentes or paiments, going out or due to be payed vnto your Maiestie out of the premises, nor any part thereof, but only of, and for all and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tithes, pentions, portiõs, fruites and other hereditaments, which doe yet still remaine not disseuered from the handes and possessions of the saide cathedrall churches, and other the places and persons ecclesiasticall aforesaide: And that deduction and allowance thereof be made to them, and euery of them accordingly, in & vpon euery paiment of this saide subsidie out of the whole valewe, taxation and estimatiõ made for the paiment of the said perpetuall disme or tenth remaining of record in your highnes court of Exchequer for that rate and portion of landes, tenements, rentes, spirituall promotions and other hereditamentes, and those yeerly paiments, whereunto the said late king was intituled or possessedof, or which sithence the making of the saide statute, by reason that they haue bene founde as landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, or other hereditamentes concealed from the sayde late king Edward the sixte, the late king Henry the eight, from the late Queene Mary, or any of them, or from your Maiestie, or otherwise are seuered from the possessions of the saide cathedrall churches and other places and persons aforesaide, or of any of them, by force of the statute premised, or any otherwyse.

Prouided also, that this subsidie granted by the Clergie, shal not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes or colledge scituate or set within either of the vniuersities of Oxford or Cambridge, or any benefice, landes or other reuenues vnto the saide vniuersities or either of them, or to any house of studentes or colledge in any of the same vniuersities vnited, appropriated or appertaining, or out of any benefice, landes or reuenues of the colledge of Windesore, or of ỹ colledge of Westminster, being of your Maiesties foundation, or of the colledge of Eaton nigh Windesore, or of the colledge called S. Maries colledge by Winchester, founded by William Wickha,

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sometime Bishop of Winchester, or of any hospitals, almes houses or Grammer scholes, or of any churche, benefice or other revenues to the saide colledges, hospitals, almeshouses, almes halles or Grammer scholes, or to any of them annexed, appropriated or otherwise appertaining.

Prouided alwaies, that all Parsons, Vicars, and other ecclesiasticall persons, whose benefices are not aboue fiue poundes, thirteene shillings and foure pence by yeere, after the taration aforesaide, shall not be charged with this subsidie, or any part thereof.

Prouided also, that euery Vicar, whose benefice is eight poundes or aboue, and not aboue tenne poundes by the yeere, after the taration aforesaide, shall paye euery yeere of the saide three yeeres onely, fiue shillings eight pence for his part of the said subsidie, as stipendarie priests be charged to paye by force of this graunt, & not otherwise. And if it be vnder eight pounds, he shall not be charged with any part of the said subsidie.

Prouided also, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, hauing a pencion by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappelles, Chanteries, Fraternities, Guildes and Hospitals, or any other Incorporation within the prouince of Canterburie, or any of them, and being of the summe of foure poundes or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable for any such pencion, Any thing conteyned in this graunt to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidie graunted by your saide Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, purport, effect and true meaning of this present graunt, your saide Prelates & Cleargie most humbly desire your Highnesse, that this their saide gyft, graunt and Subsidie, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions and sentences in this Instrument conteined concerning the saide Subsidie, may be ratified, established and confirmed by the authoritie of your Highnesse Court of Parliament.

Wherefore for the true and sure payment of the saide Subsidie graunted by the saide Prelates and Cleargie of the said prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, effect and true meaning of the said Instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament

ment assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayd gifte and graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, portion, proussion, clause and sentence in the same Instrument conteyned, shall stand and be ratified, stablished and confirmed by the auctoritie of this present Parliament.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery person that shalbe appointed to the collection and gathering of the sayde Subsidie, shall haue full power and auctoritie to leuye, take and preteyne the same Subsidie by the auctoritie of the censures of the Church, that is to say, by Suspension, Excommunication or Interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruites and profites of their Benefices and promotions Spirituall, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same fruites, without daunger of the Lawes of this Realme, or by distresses vpon the possessions of the Farmours or occupiers of the Landes and Tenementes chargeable by the said Instrumentes, for or to the payment of any summe or summes of money to be due by force thereof, or otherwise by the direction of the Collectour thereof. And that no repleuine, prohibition or Supersedias shall be allowed or obeyed for any person or persons making default for the payment of the sayde Subsidie, contrary to the tenour of the graunt thereof, vntill such time as they haue truely satisfied and contented all such part & portions, as to the in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euery such Farmour and Farmours, their executours and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof, shall by the auctoritie aforesayde be allowed, and reteine in his handes as much of his yerely rent & Farme, as ꝑ summe which he shall fortune to pay for his Lord or Leallour, shall extend vnto, Except the sayd Farmour or Farmours, their executors or assignes, by the Lease and graunt that they haue of any part of the landes, tythes, profites, tenements chargeable to the sayde Subsidie, or by force of any couenaunt or article therein conteyned, be bounde and charged to paye the same, and thereof to discharge the Leallour and Landlord, during the terme mencioned in the sayde Lease.

And likewise be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that whereas diuers Estates lyable to this Subsidie, being oftentimes remoueable, doe serue as well in diuers Improuiations belonging to the Queenes Maiestie, as in other Spirituall promotions belonging to other persons, that for the speedy recouerie of the sayde Subsidie, it may be lawfull to

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the Collectour or Collectours of the sayd Subsidie their deputy or deputies to leuie the sayde Subsidie vpon the Farmours or farmours, or occupyers of all such Impropriations and Spirituall promotions, by all censures of the Church aforesayd and euery of them, or by way of distresse of Tythes of the sayde Impropriations and Impropriations and Spirituall promotions, or otherwise vpon the goods and Cattailes of the sayde Farmours or farmours and occupiers, In which case no Iniunction, prohibition, replenie or other processe awarded to the contrary shalbe obeyed, any Lawe, Statutes, priuiledges or priuiledges to the contrary hereof heretofore made, graunted or vsed, or hereafter to be made, graunted or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And that it may be lawfull to the Collectors and the officers and ministers of such Archebishoppe, Bishoppe and Deane and Chapiter, for not payment of the saide Subsidie, after the same shall be due in any of the sayde three yeres, to prayse and value the sayde distresse or distresses, by two indifferent neighbours by him to be chose, and the distresse or distresses so praysed, to sell, and thereof to deteyne so much money as shall amount to the summe payable to the Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayde Collectour susteyned in that behalfe, and the rest of the money made of the said distresse, to be deliuered and payed to the owner and occupier thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery laye person, hauing Spirituall promotion chargeable by this Acte, and also hauing Temporal possessions, goods, cattailes and debtes chargeable to the sayde Subsidie graunted in this Parliament by the Temporaltie, shalbe taxed, charged and set for his sayde Spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his Temporall possessions and chattels reall with the Temporaltie, and not otherwise, Any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all and euery graunt and grauntes of all and euery summe and summes of money, which hereafter shall be graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by the Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force and effect in all thinges, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde prouince of Canterburie, and shalbe taxed, certified, collected, leuyed, gathered and payed, according to the tenour, forme and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, in such maner and forme, as though it were specially, playnly and parti-

particularly expressed and rehearsed in this present Acte, by expresse wordes, termes and sentences in their seuerall natures and kindes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all Prouisoes before rehearsed, conteined in the sayd graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, and the like of the same Prouisoes hereafter to be conteyned in the graunt of the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe good and effectuall, and to be obserued and kept in euery poynt and article, according to the true purport and meaning of the same.

God saue the Queene.

An Act for the graunt of one Subsidie, and two Fifteenes, and Tenthes, by the Temporalty.

Chap.xv.

WE your Maiestyes most obedient, humble, faythfull & louing subiectes, being here in your most high Courte of Parliamēt assēbled, cannot but at our first meeting and consultation, enter into due consideration of the great charges your highnes hath sustayned, not onely in seeking by way of preuention, to stoppe such Forreigne attemptes as otherwise (not prouided for) might haue bene made very daungerous against this your Highnesse Realme, & vs your Subiects (which hath not, & as we well consider, could not be performed without the imployment diuers wayes of some great portiō of treasure) but especially hath bene now of late put to an infinite charges both by Sea and by land, in the prosecution of certaine euil affected members of your highnesse Realme of Ireland, that most disloyally, and vnnaturally entred into actuall rebellion, with a manifest intent to shake of the subiection and obedience, that by the lawes of God and man, they are bounde to yeelde: And as much as in them was, to deprive and bereaue the Crowne of that Realme from this your Imperiall Crowne of England, to which it hath beene so many yeares ioyned & annexed, and that principally by the practise and procurement of the Bishop of Rome, enemy to God, your Maiesty, & to all this your Realme, not without the coutenance & help of some other great and mighty Potentates his adherents: Although Almightye God of his goodnes, hath hytherto geuen your Maiesty victory, & diuerted the attemptes, making them vayne & fruitlesse:

And therefore these thinges by vs considered, we cannot but with all dutifulnesse, if we did onely consider the charges past, without regarde of the necessity to withstand future attemptes, but present vnto your Maiesty our readinesse, yeelding to your Highnesse some liberall contribution, but when we enter into further consideration, First, how the fier late kindeled in that your Highnesse Realme of Ireland is not yet quenched, whereby your Maiesty is forced to your infinite charges, aswell to subdue the euill affected of that Realme, as also to impeache the forraigne assistaunce, that by common report, and specially by continuall sollicitation of sundry Traytours that were naturally borne Subiectes to this and that your Crowne of Ireland, but vnnaturally are broken off, and become monstrous rotten members, is preparing to repaire thither to continue great forces in pay aswell by Sea as by land:

Secondarily, what aduertisement and forewarnings come as it were from all partes of Christendome, of an intended inuasion not onely agaynst your said Realme of Ireland, but agaynst the rest of your Maiesties Realmes and Dominions:

And lastly what practises are lately set a broche, & in part put in execution, to breede a diuorce and alienation of the good amitye that hath beene betweene your Maiestye and your next neighbour, which if the same should take place, cannot but bee an occasion of great expences and charges:

Therefore vpon view of the premisses, considering the great and most necessary charges alreadye past, by your Hyghnesse sustained, and greater like to ensue, (if we were so ingrate as to forget the great benefites that we haue receyued through the goodnesse of Almighty GOD, vnder your Maiesties most blessed & happy gouernment, as the like was neuer enioyed by any Subiectes of this land) cannot, but in regarde of our owne particular safeties, strayne our selues to the vttermost of our power, to yeelde such contribution, as the preseruation of your most excellent Maiesty, and of our selues your most humble subiectes, doth most iustly require:

And therefore to shewe our selues aswell thankefull towardes your Maiestie, as carefull to prouide that, whiche maye bee for our owne Safetye, Doe with

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all humility, presente vnto your Highnesse a Subsidie, and two Fifteenes and Tenthes, towardes your Highnesse great charges. And for the better assurance and leuying of this our small contribution of one Subsidy and two Fifteenes and Tenthes, wee your faithfull and obedient Subiectes doe most humbly beseech your Maiesty, that it may be enacted by the authoritye of this presente Parliament, in maner and forme following, That is to say, that your Highnesse shall haue two Fifteenes and Tenthes, to be paid taken & leuied of the moueable Goods, Cattelles, and other thinges, vsuall to suche Fifteenes & Tenthes to be contributory and chargeable, within the Shyres, Cities, Boroughes, Townes and other places of this your Maiesties Realme, in maner and forme aforetime vsed, except the summe of twelue thousande poundes thereof fully to bee deducted, that is to say, fiue thousande poundes of either of the said whole Fifteenes and Tenthes, in reliefe, comfort and discharge of the poore townes, Cities and Boroughes of this your said Realme wasted, desolate or destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after suche rate as was and hath afore this time bene had & made to euery shire. And to be diuided in such maner and forme, as heeretofore, for one whole Fifteene and Tenth, hath beene had and deuided. And the sayde two Fifteenes and Tenthes, (the exception and deduction aforesaide, thereupon had, deducted and allowed) to be paide in maner and forme following, that is to say, the first whole Fifteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to bee payde to your Highnesse in the receipt of your Highnesse Exchequer before the fourth day of June next comming. And the sayde second Fifteene & Tenth (except before excepted) to be payd to your Highnesse in the said receipt of your Exchequer, before the tenth day of May, which shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God, one thousand, fiue hundred, fourescore and two.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesayde, that the knightes elected and returned, of, and for the shires within this Realme, for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgesses of Boroughes and Townes, where Collectours haue bene vsed to be named and appointed for the collection of any Fifteene and Tenth, before this time graunted, shall name and appoint before the tenth day of Aprill next comming, sufficient & able persons to bee Collectours, for the collection of the saide first Fifteene and Tenth. And also shall likewise name and appoynt before the tenth daye of Marche, which shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God, one thousand fiue

hundred foureſcore and one, other ſufficient and able perſons, to be Collectors for the collection of ỳ ſecond Fifteene & Tenth, in euery of the ſayd Shyres, Cities, Boroughes and Townes, The ſayde perſons then hauing landes, tenementes and other hereditaments in their owne right, of an eſtate of inheritance, of the yearely value of twenty poundes, or in goods, worth two hundred poundes at the leaſt, after ſuch rate and value as he ſhalbe rated in the Subſidy booke, if any ſuch be in the ſayd limittes. And for want of ſuch ſo aſſeſſed, that thoſe ſhall bee appointed Collectors, that then ſhalbe rated and taxed in the Subſidie booke, in landes or goods neereſt to the values aforeſayd.

And alſo ſuch perſon and perſons ſo by them to be named & appointed, for the collection of the ſayde two Fyfteenes and Tenthes, ſhalbe by them ſeuerally appointed and allotted into Hundreds, rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes & townes.

And alſo the ſayde perſons ſo named and appointed for the collection of the ſayd ſeuerall Fifteenes and Tenthes, ſhall be ſeuerally charged and chargeable, vpon his or their account or accountes in the Exchequer to be made, with all ſuch ſumme or ſummes of money, as the Hundred, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes and Townes, where hee or they ſhall ſo happen to bee appointed ſhall amount vnto, and of no more ſumme or ſummes: And vpon the payment of ſuch ſummes of money as he or they ſhalbe ſo charged with, ſhalbe diſcharged and haue his and their Quietus eſt, The not accounting or non payment of any other his fellowes, or the inſufficiencie of thē, or any of thē notwithſtāding. And the names & ſurnames, of euery of the ſayd Collectors, for the ſayde fyrſt Fifteene and Tenth, together with the places allotted to their Collectiō and charge, the ſayd Knightes, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, for the ſhyres, Cities and Boroughes, whereunto they be allotted, named & returned, ſhall certifie before the Queenes Maieſtie in her Chauncery, before the tenth day of May next cōming. And likewiſe the names & ſurnames of euery of the ſayd Collectors ſo to be named & appointed for the collection of the ſayd ſeconde Fifteene & tenth, together with ỳ places allotted to their collection & charge, the ſayd knightes, Citizens and Burgeſſes, ſhall likewiſe certify into the ſayd Court of Chaūcery before ỳ tenth day of Aprill, which ſhalbe in ỳ yeare of our Lord God, one thouſand, fiue hundred, foureſcore and two, according to the tenor of this act. And if default of any ſuch certifying bee had or made in forme as is aforeſayd, then ỳ Lord Chauncellour of England, or keeper of ỳ great ſeale for ỳ time being, ſhal immediatly after

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name and appoynt Collectors, for the collection of either of the ſayd fiftænes and tenthes in ſuch like maner and fourme as the ſaide knightes of the ſhyre, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeſſes of Boroughes ſhoulde haue done, and as aforetime hath bęn vſed. The which ſaid Collectors and euery of them ſo to bę named and appoynted as is aforeſayde, ſhall haue allowance vpon their accountes for their Fęs, wages and rewardes for the collection of the ſayd Fiftænes and tenthes, in as large maner and fourme, as any Collector or Collectors of any Fiftęne and tenth, haue had at any ſeaſon in time paſt. And that the Barons of the Quęnes Exchequer for the time being, ſhall and may from time to time award ſuch proceſſe for the ſpędie paiment of the ſaid ſeuerall Fifteenes and tenthes, againſt the Collector or Collectors of the ſame, as by their diſcretions ſhalbe thought conuenient.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayde Lorde Chauncellour or keeper of the great ſeale for the time being, knightes of the ſhyre, Citizens of the Cities, Burgeſſes of Boroughes, Townes and other places, hauing authoritie by this preſent acte to nomynate the ſayde Collectors, of or for the collection of the ſaide ſeuerall Fifteenes and Tenthes, ſhall vpon their nomynation and election had and made, take by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, ſufficient recognizances or obligation of euery perſon ſo by them to be named, to bee bounde to the Queenes Maieſtie in the double ſumme of the ſumme of their collection, and to bee indorſed vpon ſuch condition, that if the ſame Collector and Collectors of the ſayde firſt Fifteene and Tenth, and likewiſe the Collector or Collectors of the ſayde ſecond Fifteene and Tenth, doe truely content and pay to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie in her receipt of Exchequer for the ſayde firſt Fifteene and Tenth, at or before the ſayde fourth day of June next comming, and for the ſayde ſeconde Fifteene and Tenth, at or before the ſayde tenth day of May, which ſhall bee in the yeere of our Lorde GOD, one thouſande, fiue hundred, foureſcore and two, ſo much of the ſayde ſumme of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as the ſame Collector ſhall haue collected and gathered, and doo likewiſe after the ſaid fourth day of the ſaid moneth of June, and the ſaid tenth day of May, in euery of the ſaid two yeeres, content and pay to the Queenes Maieſties vſe at the ſame receipt of the Exchequer, the reſidue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after ſuch time as he ſhall haue gathered and collected the ſame reſidue, that then the ſayde recog-

nizaunce or obligation to bee boyde, or elſe to ſtande in his full ſtrength and power, which recognizaunce or obligation ſo taken, the ſame knights of the ſhyre, Citizens and Burgeſſes and euery of them, takyng any ſuch recognizaunce or obligation, ſhall certify and deliuer to the Lord Treaſurer, and Barons of the ſame Exchequer, before the ſame fourth day of June, and tenth day of May, in euery of the ſaid two yeares, vpon paine of forfeiture of ten poundes to the Quenes highneſſe for euery recognizaunce or obligation, ſo to be taken and not certified. And that euery ſuch Collector vpon requeſt to him made, ſhall make and knowledge the ſame recognizaunce or obligation accordingly, vpon paine of forfeiture of twentie poundes to the Quene for his refuſall thereof. And that the Treaſurer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time beyng, vpon the payment of the ſame collection at the ſaide dayes, ſhall cancell and deliuer the ſaid recognizaunce or obligation to the ſaid Collector or Collectors without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to be paid to any perſon for the ſame.

And furthermore, for the great and waightie conſiderations aforeſaid, We the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, doe by our like aſſent and authoritie of this Parliament, giue and graunt to your highneſſe our ſaid ſoueraigne Ladie the Quenes Maieſtie, your heires and ſucceſſors, one entire ſubſidie to be rated, tared, leuied and paide at two ſeuerall paiments of euery perſon Spirituall and Temporall, of what eſtate or degree he or they be of, according to the tenor of this act, in maner & forme following, that is to ſay, aſwell of euery perſon borne within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Quenes dominions, as of all and euery fraternity, guilde, corporation, myſtery, brotherhood and communalty, corporated or not corporated, within this Realme of England, Wales or other the Quenes Dominions, being worth three poundes, for euery pounde aſwell in coyne, and the value of euery pounde that euery ſuch perſon, fraternity, guilde, corporation, myſtery, brotherhood, communaltie corporate or not corporate, hath of his or their owne, or any other to his or their vſe, as alſo plate, ſtock of merchandize, all maner of corne and graine, houſhold ſtuffe, and of all other goods moueable, aſwel within this Realme as without, and of all ſuch ſummes of money, as to him or them is or ſhall be owing, whereof he or they truſt in his or their conſcience ſurely to be paid, except and out of the premiſſes deducted, ſuch ſummes of money as he or they owe, & in his or their conſcience intendeth truely to pay, and except alſo the apparell of euery ſuch perſons their wiues and children, belonging to their owne

owne bodies, ſauing iewels, gold, ſiluer, ſtone and pearle, ſhall pay to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaid ſubſidie, xx. pence of euery pound, and to and for the ſecond paiment of the ſaid ſubſidie, twelue pence of euery pound. And alſo euery Alien & ſtranger borne out of the Quænes obeiſance, aſwell denizen as others inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pound that he or they ſhal haue in coine, and the value of euery pound in plate, corne, graine, merchandize, houſhold ſtuffe or other goods, iewels, cattels, moueable or vnmoueable as is aforeſaid, aſwell within this realme as without, and of all ſummes of money to him or them owing, whereof he or they truſt in his or their conſcience to be paid, except and out of the ſame premiſſes deducted, euery ſuch ſumme or ſummes of money which he or they doe owe, and in his or their conſcience or conſciences intend truely to pay, ſhall pay of and for euery pound, to and for the firſt payment of the ſaid ſubſidie, three ſhillings foure pence, and to and for the ſecond paiment of the ſaid ſubſidie, two ſhillings of euery pound. And alſo that euery Alien and ſtranger borne out of the Quænes Dominions, being denizen or not denizen, not being contributory to any the rates aboueſaid, and being of the age of viij. yeares or aboue, ſhall pay to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaid ſubſidie, foure pence, and to & for the ſecond payment of the ſaid ſubſidie, foure pence for euery Pole, & the maſter or he or ſhe with whome the ſame Alien is, or ſhalbe abiding at the time of the taration or tarations thereof, to be charged with the ſame for lacke of paiment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforeſaide, that euery perſon borne vnder the Quænes obeiſance, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guilde, myſterie, brotherhood and communaltie corporate or not corporate, for euerye pound, that euery of the ſame perſons, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guilde, myſterie, brotherhood and communaltie, corporate or not corporate, or any other to his or their vſe, hath in fee ſimple, fee taile, for terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, wardſhip, or by copie of courte roll, of and in any honors, caſtles, mannors, landes, tenements, rents, ſeruices, hereditaments, annuities, fees, corrodies or other yearely profites, of the yerly value of twenty ſhillings, aſwel within ancient demeane and other places priuiledged, as els where, and ſo vpward, ſhall pay to and for the firſt paiment of the ſaid ſubſidy, two ſhillings eight pence, of and for euery pound. And to & for the ſecond paiment of the ſaid ſubſidie, xvj.d. of and for euery pound, and euery alien denizen or not denizen borne out of the Quænes obeiſance, in ſuch caſe to pay at the firſt of the ſaid paimentes, v.s. iij.d. of euery pound, and at the ſecond payment, ij.s. viij.d. of

and for euery pounde. And that all ſummes preſented and chargeable by this Acte, eyther for goods and debts, or either of them, or for lands and tenements, and other the premiſſes, as is in this act conteyned, ſhall be at either of the ſayde paymentes, ſet and tared after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Acte (Landes and Tenementes chargeable to the diſmes of the Cleargie, & yeerely wages due to ſeruants for their yeerely ſeruice, other then the Quenes ſeruants taking yeerely wages of fiue poundes or aboue, onely excepted and forepriſed.) And that all plate, coyne, iewels, goods, debts and cattels, perſonals, being in the rule and cuſtody of any perſon or perſons to the vſe of any corporation, fraternity, guilde, myſtery, brotherhood or any communaltie, being corporate or not corporate, be, and ſhalbe rated, ſet and charged by reaſon of this Acte, as the value certified by the preſenters of that certificate, of euerye pound in goods and debtes as is aboueſayde. And of euery pound in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies and other yeerely profites as is aboueſayde. And the ſummes that are aboue rehearſed, ſet and tared, to be leuied and taken of them that ſhal haue ſuch goods in cuſtodie, or otherwiſe charged for lands, as is before rehearſed, and the ſame perſon or perſons, and body corporate, by authoritie of this act, ſhall be diſcharged againſt him or them, that ſhall or ought to haue the ſame, at the time of the payment, or deliuery thereof, or at his otherwiſe departure from the cuſtodie or poſſeſſion of the ſame, Except and alwayes forepriſed from the charge and aſſeſſement of this Subſidy, all goods, cattels, iewels and ornamentes of Churches and Chappels, which haue beene ordeined and vſed in Churches or Chappels, for the honour and ſeruice of Almighty God. And the firſt payment of the ſayde Subſidy ſhalbe by authoritie aforeſayd, tared, ſeſſed and rated according to this Acte, in euery ſhyre, Ryding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne and euery other place, within this realme of England and Wales and other the Queenes dominions, before the xij. day of May next comming. And the ſecond payment of the ſaid Subſidy ſhalbe by the authority aforeſaid, tared, aſſeſſed and rated before the xx. day of September, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lord God, one thouſand, fiue hundred, fourſcore and two. And the particuler ſummes of euery ſhyre, Riding, Borough, towne & other places aforeſaid, with the particuler names of ſuch as are chargeable, for and to the firſt paiment of the ſayde Subſidie to be tared and ſet by the commiſſioners, to the ſame limited, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the ſame forme ſhalbe certified vnto the

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Queenes Exchequer, before the twelfth day of June next comming, And the particular ſummes of euery ſhyre, Ryding, Borough, Towne and other places aforeſayd, with the particular names of ſuch as are chargeable, for, and to the ſeconde payment of the ſayde Subſidie, to be taxed and ſet by Commiſſioners to the ſame to be limitted, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the high Collectors: And in the ſame forme ſhalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the twentieth day of October, which ſhall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thouſand, fiue hundred, foureſcore and two. And the ſayd ſummes in forme aforeſayd to be taxed, to and for the firſt paymẽt of the ſayd Subſidie, ſhalbe payd into ỹ Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforeſayd, to the vſe of our ſayd Soueraygne Lady, before the tenth day of October nexte comming. And the ſayd ſummes in maner and forme aforeſayd, to be taxed for the ſecond payment of the ſayde Subſidie, ſhall be payde into the receipt aforeſayd, to the vſe aforeſayd, before the twentieth day of Nouember, which ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lord God, one thouſande, fiue hundred, foureſcore and two. And the ſummes aboueſayd, of and for ỹ ſayd Subſidie, ſhalbe taxed, ſet, aſked & demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied & payde, to the vſe of our ſayd Soueraigne Lady, her heyres and ſucceſſours, in forme aboueſayd; aſwell within the liberties, Franchiſes, Sãctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatſoeuer places, exempt or not exempt, as without: Except ſuch ſhyres, places & perſons, as ſhalbe foreprized in & by this preſent acte, Any graunt, charter, preſcription, vſe or liberty, by reaſon of any letters patents, or other priuiledge, preſcription, allowance of ỹ ſame, or whatſoeuer other matter of diſcharge heretofore to ỹ cõtrary made, graũted, vſed or obtayned, notwithſtãding.

And it is further enacted by the authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that euery ſuch perſõ, aſwell ſuch as be borne vnder the Queenes obeyſaunce, as euery other perſon, ſtraunger borne, Denizen or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme or within Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, which at the time of the ſayd aſſeſſings or taxations, or of either of thẽ, to be had or made, ſhalbe out of this Realm, or out of Wales, and haue goods, cattels, lands or tenements, fees or annuities, or other profits, within this Realm or in wales, ſhalbe charged & chargeable for the ſame, by the certificate of the inhabitantes of the place, where ſuch goods, Cattells, Lands, Tenements or other the Premiſſes then ſhall bee, or in ſuch other place, where ſuche perſon or his Factor, Deputy or Attourney, ſhall haue his moſt reſort vnto, within this realme or in wales,

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in like maner, as if the sayde person were or had bene at the time of the sayde assessing, within this Realme. And that euery person abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie graunted by this Act, according and after the rate of such yeerely substaunce, or value of Landes and Tenementes, Goods, Cattells, and other the premisses, as euery person so to bee charged, shalbe set at, at the tyme of the sayde assessing or taxation, vpon him to be made, and none otherwise.

And further, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that for the setting and ordering of the sayde Subsidie to bee duely had: The Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the Lorde keeper of the great seale, the Lord Treasurer of England, the Lorde Steward of the Queenes Maiesties houshold, the Lorde Admirall of England, the Lord Chamberlaine of the Queenes most honourable household for the time being, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lorde Chauncellour of England, or keeper of the great Seale for the time beyng to be one, shal and may name & appoynt, of, & for euery Shyre, Ryding and other places, as well within this Realme as in Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, and also of and for euery Citie and Towne, being a Countie of it selfe, and of, and for the Isle of Wight, such certayne number of persons of euery of the same Shyres, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wight, & euery other place, as they shall thinke conuenient, to be Commissioners of and within the same place, whereof they be inhabitauntes. And also of, and for the honorable houshold of ỳ Queenes Maiestie, in what Shyre or other place, the sayd houshold shall happen then to bee. And the Lorde Chauncellour, or Lorde keeper of the great Seale, and other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesayd, in like maner may name and appoynt, of euery other such Borough and Towne corporate, as well in Englande as in Wales, & other the Queenes Dominions, as they shall thinke requisite, sixe, fiue, foure, three, or two of the head Officers, and other honest Inhabitantes of euery of the sayd Cities, Boroughes and Townes Corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the same. The which persons, if any such be thereunto named, of the sayd Inhabitantes of the sayd Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties of theselues, shall be ioyned and put in as Commissioners, with the persons named for such Shyres and Rydyngs, as the saide Boroughes & Townes corporate, not beyng Countyes in themselues

themselues, be set, and haue their being, which persons so named, for and of the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon them, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses, out of the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, wherein they bee so named onely, nor to execute the sayd Commission, within the Borough or Towne corporate where they be so dwelling, but at such dayes and times, as the sayd other Cōmissioners for the same shyre & Ryding, shall thereunto limit and appoint within the same Borough and Towne corporate, not being Countye corporate, whereof they be so named, and not out of such Borough or Towne. And in that maner to be ayding and assisting with the said other Commissioners, in and for the good executing of the effect of the sayd Cōmission, vpon payne of euery of the sayd Commissioners, so named for euery such Citye, Borough and Towne corporate, not beyng a county, to make such fine, as the sayd other Commissioners in the commission, of and for the same shyre or Ryding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by theyr discretion set and certify into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, in like maner, as if such or like summes had bene set and rated, vpon euery such person for the sayd subsidy: The which Commissioners so named, of and for the sayd Cityes, Boroughes and Townes not beyng Counties, and onely put into the sayd Commission, by reason of theyr dwelling in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the Fees and rewardes of the Commissioners & their clarkes, in this Act afterward specified and allowed. And the Lorde Chauncellour of England, or the keeper of the great Seale of England for the time being, shall make and direct out of the court of the Chauncery vnder the great Seale, seuerall commissions, that is to say, for euery shire, Ryding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, City, Towne, Borough, Isle and householde, vnto such person and persons, as by his discretion, and any of the other with him before named and appointed as is before rehearsed, shall be thought sufficient for the sessing and leuying of the sayd Subsidy, in all shires and places according to the true meaning of this Acte: whiche Commission for the first payment of the sayd Subsidy, shall bee directed and delivered to the sayd Commissioners, or to one of them, before the fifteenth day of April next comming.

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And the Commission for the seconde Payment of the sayde Subsidy shall bee directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them, before the xxvi. day of July, which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God, one thowsand, fiue hundred, fourescore and two. And to euery of the sayd Comissions, ten scedules contayning in them the tenour of this Act, shalbe affiled, By the which Commission, the Commissioners, in euery such Commission, named according to this Act, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayd Commission, shall haue full power and authority, to put the effect of the same Commission in execution.

And that by authority of this Acte, after such Commissions to them directed, They may by their assentes and agreementes, seuere them selues, for the execution of theyr Comission, in Hundreds, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes and other places within the limittes of their sayde Commission, in suche fourme as to them shall seeme expedient, to be ordered, and betweene them to be communed and agreed, according to the tenor and effect of the Commission to them therein directed, vpon which seueranne, euery person of this present Parliament, that shall be Commissioner, shalbe assigned into the hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no person bee, or shall bee compelled, to bee any Commissioner, to and for the execution of this present Act, but onely in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth. And that any person assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wise shal not be compelled, to put in execution the effect of this Act, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners and euery of them, which shall bee named, limitted and appoynted according to this Act, to be Commissioners in euery such Shyre, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, City, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the said householde, or any other place, and none other, shall truely, effectually and diligently for their parties execute the effect of this present Act, according to the tenor thereof in euery behalfe, and none otherwise, by any other meanes, without omission, tenour, dread, malice, or any other thing, to be attempted or done by them, or any of them, to the contrary thereof.

And the sayde Commissioners or as many of them as shall bee appoynted by the sayd Commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayd Commission and Act, shall for the

the taration of the sayde first payment of the sayde Subsidie before the fyre and twentieth day of Aprill next comming, and for the taration of the sayde seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall before the eight and twentieth day of August, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thousande, fyue hundred, fourescore and two, by vertue of the Commission deliuered vnto them in forme aforesayde, direct their seuerall or ioynt precept or precepts, vnto eight, seuen, fyue, sixe, foure, three or two, as for the number of the inhabitantes shall bee requisite, of the most substantiall, discreete and honest persons, inhabitants, to bee named by the sayde Commissioners, or by as many of them, as shall bee appointed by the sayde Commission, of and in Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wards, Parishes, Townes and other places, aswell within Liberties, Franchises, auncient demeane, places exempted, and Sanctuaries, as without, within the limites of the Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, and Isle aforesayde, and other places within the limites of their Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other like officers and ministers of euery of the saide Hundreds, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes, and other places aforesayde, as to the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them, by their discretion in diuision shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shall bee requisite, straitely by the sayde precept charging and commaunding the sayde Inhabitantes, Constables and other Officers aforesayde, to whom such precept shall bee so directed, to appeare in their proper persons before the sayde Commissioners, or such number of them, as they shall diuide themselues, according to the tenor of the sayde Commission, at certaine daies and places by the sayde Commissioners or any number of them, as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughes or Townes Corporate, or without, in any other places, as is aforesayde, by their discretion shall bee limited thereunto, to doe and accomplishe all that to them, on the partie of the Queenes Maiestie shall bee inioyned, touching this Acte, commanding further by the same precept, that hee to whose handes the preceptes shall come, shall shewe and deliuer the same to the other Inhabitantes or Officers named in the same precept. And that none of them faile to accomplish the same, vpon paine of fortie shillinges to bee forfeited to

the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordeyned by the auctthoritie of this present Parliament, that at the sayde day and place prefixed and limited in the sayde precept, euery of the Commissioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that part whereunto hee was limited, shall appeare in his proper person. And there the same Commissioners being present, or as many of them as shall bee appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shall call or cause to bee called before them, the sayde inhabitants and officers, to whom they haue directed their sayde precepts, and which had in commandement there to appeare, by vertue of the sayde precept. And if any person so warned make default, vnlesse hee then bee letted by sickenesse or lawefull excuse, and that let then bee witnessed by the othes of two credible persons, or if any appearing, refuse to serue in forme following, then euery such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shall forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillings, and so at euery time appoynted by the sayde Commissioners, for the same taxation, vnto such time, the number of euerie such persons haue appeared and certified in forme vnderwritten, euery of them so making default or refusing so to serue, shall forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillinges. And vpon the same appearance had, they shall bee charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient wayes and meanes (othet then by corporall othe) to enquire of the best and most value of the substance of euerye person dwelling and abyding within the limittes of the places, that they shall bee charged with, and of other which shall haue his or their most resort vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this Act of this sayde Subsidie, and of all other thinges requisite touching the sayde Acte, and according to the intent of the same. And thereupon as neere as it may bee, or shall come to their knowledge, without respect of any former taxation heeretofore had, truely to present and certifie before the sayde Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substance and values of euerye of them, aswell of Lands, Tenements and other hereditaments, possessions and profites, as of goodes, cattels, debts and other thinges chargeable by the same Acte, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dread or malice, vpon paine of forfeyture of fiue poundes or more, to bee taxed, extracted

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and leuied, in forme as hereafter in this present Acte shall be limited or appoynted: And thereupon the saide Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to be read vnto them, the sayd Rates in this Acte mentioned, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner and forme they ought and shoulde make their certificate, according to the rates and summes thereof aboue sayde, and of all maner of persons, aswell of Aliens and Strangers, Denizens or not Denizens inhabiting within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysance chargeable to this Acte, and of the Possessions, Goods and Cattels of Fraternities, Guildes, Corporations, Brotherhoodes, Mysteries, Communalties, and other as is aboue sayde, and of persons being in the parties of beyonde the Seas, hauing Goods and Cattels, Landes or Tenementes within this Realme as is aforesayde, and of all goods being in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other as is aboue sayde: By the which information and shewing, the sayde persons should haue such plaine knowledge of the true intent of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certificate, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after such charge, and the Statute of the sayde Subsidie, and the maner of the sayde certificate to bee made in writing, conteyning the names and surnames of euery person, and whether hee be borne without the Queenes obeysance or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, aswell of the yeerely value of Landes and Tenementes and of such like possessions and profites, as the value of Goods and Cattels, Debtes, and euery thing to their certificate requisite and necessarie to them declared, the sayde Commissioners there being, shall by their discretions appoynt and limit vnto the sayd persons, another day and place to appeare before the sayde Commissioners: And charging the sayd persons, that they in the meane time shal make diligent enquirie by all wayes and meanes of the premisses, and then and there euery of them vpon paine of forfeiture of fortie shillinges to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the sayde newe prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners in writing, according to their sayde charge, and according to the true intent of the sayde graunt of Subsidie, and as to them in maner aforesayde hath beene declared and shewed by the Commissioners: At which day and place so to them prefixed, if any of the sayde persons make default, or appeare, and refuse to make the sayd certificate, that

then euery of them so offending, to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillinges, except there be a reasonable excuse of his defaulte by reason of sickenesse, or otherwise by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed, and of such as appeare redy to make certificate as is aforesayde, the sayde Commissioners there beeing, shall take and receiue the same certificate, and euery parte thereof, and the names, values and substance of euery person so certified. And if the same Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the sayde presenters thereof, and thereupon the sayde Commissioners at the sayde dayes and place by their agreement amongest themselues, shall from time to time there openly prefixe a day at a certaine place or places within the limites of their Commission, by their discretion, for their further proceeding to the sayde assessing of the same subsidie, and thereupon at the sayde day of the sayde certificate as is aforesayd, taken, the same Commissioners shall make their Precept or Precepts to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailifes or other Officers of such Hundredes, Wapentakes, Townes or other places aforesayde, as the same Commissioners shall bee of, comprising and conteyning in the same Precept, the Names and Surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayde Certificat, of whome if the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall then haue behement suspect, to bee of more greater value or substance in Landes, Goods, Cattels or summes of money owing to them, or other substance beforesayde, then vpon such person or persons so certified and specified as aforesayde, the same Commissioners shal make their Precept or Preceptes directed to the Constable, Bailifes or other Officers, commaunding the same Constable, Bailifes or other Officers to whome such Preceptes shall bee directed, to warne such persons whose names shall be comprised in the sayde Precepts, at their Mansions, or to their persons, that the same persons named in such Preceptes, and euery of them, shall personally appeare before the sayde Commissioners, at the same newe prefixed daye and place, there to bee examined by all wayes and meanes, (other then by Corporall othe) by the sayde Commissioners, of their greatest substance and best value, and of all and euery summes of money owing to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concerning the Premisses, or any of them, according to this Act. At which day and place so prefixed, the sayde Commissioners then and there being, or as many of them, as shall be thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Commission,

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shall cause to be called the sayde persons whose names shalbe compiled in the sayde precept, as is aforesayd for theyr examination. And if any of those persons, which shall be warned as is aforesaide, to be examined, which at any time after the warning before the prefixed day shalbe within such place, where he may haue knowledge of his sayde appearance to be made, make default and appeare not, vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse by the othes of two credible persons before the sayde Commissioners, be duly alleadged for his discharge, that then euery of them so making default, to be taxed and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with and at the double summes of the rate that he should or ought to haue bene set at, for and after the best value of his landes or substance vpon him certifyed, if he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there being, which Commissioners shall trauaile with euery of the other persons so then and there appearing, whose names shalbe expressed in the sayde precept or precepts, and in whome any behement suspect was or shalbe had in fourme aboue sayde, by all such wayes and meanes as they can (other then by corporall othe) for the better knowledge of theyr best value, either in hereditaments or possessions, eyther else in goods or debts. And that euery spirituall person at eyther of the sayd tarations of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe rated and set according to the rate aboue sayde, of and for euery pounde that the same Spirituall person, or any other to his vse, hath by discent, bargaine or purchase in fee simple, fee taile, terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, by wardship, or by copie of court roll, in any mannors, lands, tenements, rents, seruices, offices, fees, corrodies, annuities or hereditaments, after the true, iust and yeerely value therof, and according as other the Queenes Maiesties subiects liuing within this Realme, be charged in fourme aboue remembred, so that it extende to the yeerely value of twentie shillings or aboue.

And it is further enacted, that if the sayde Tarours or Assessours shall not duely behaue themselues in theyr inquyrie, taration, assessement or certificate, but shall affectionately, corruptly or partially demeane themselues in that behalfe, in such wise that the Commissioners shall by their consideration, deeme them offenders worthy of punishment for not doing their dueties therein, that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that county for this Subsidie, shall haue power and aucthority by their discretion, either to charge the sayde Assessours vpon their corporall othes, for the better seruice aforesayde in that

behalfe, or elſe by their diſcretions, to tare and ſet vpon euery of the ſaide Aſſeſſours for their miſdemeanours in that behalfe, ſuch a fine or payne as they ſhall thinke good, ſo that it exceede not the ſumme of ten poundes, and the ſame fine or payne at their diſcretions to eſtreate into the Court of Exchequer, euery which fine ſo tared and ſet by ſome of the ſayd Commiſſioners or more, and beyng eſtreated with the ſcedule and bookes of that limit, ſhall bee leuyed and anſwered to the Queenes Maieſtie in like maner and forme to all intentes and purpoſes, as any other ſummes that ſhall bee tared and become due by vertue of this Statute and Acte of Subſidie, and not in any other wiſe or maner.

And if any perſon certified or rated by vertue of this Acte, whether hee be Commiſſioner or other, to any maner of value, doeth finde himſelfe grieued with the ſame preſentment, teſſing or taxing, and thereupon complayne to the Commiſſioners before whome hee ſhall be called, teſſed or tared, or before two of them, before the ſame taxation be certified into the Court of Exchequer, that then the ſayde Commiſſioners or two of them, ſhall by all wayes and meanes examine particularly and diſtinctly the perſon ſo complayning, vpon his othe, and other his neyghbours by their diſcretions, of euery his landes and tenements aboue ſpecified, and of euery his goods, cattels and debtes aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceyued by the ſayde Commiſſioners, or two of them, which ſhall haue power by authoritie aforeſayde, the ſayde Commiſſioners or two of them, to whome any ſuch complaynt ſhall bee made, by their diſcretion, vpon the othe of the ſayde perſon ſo complayning, may abate, defalke, increaſe or inlarge the ſame aſſeſſements, according as it ſhall appeare vnto them iuſt vpon the ſame examination, and the ſame ſumme ſo abated, defalked, increaſed or inlarged, ſhall bee by them eſtreated in forme as hereafter enſueth. And if it be proued by witneſſes, or by the parties owne confeſſion, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yeere after any ſuch othe made, that the ſame perſon ſo tared and ſworne, was of any better or greater value in landes, goods or other thinges aboue ſpecified, at the time of his ſayde othe, then the ſame perſon ſo ſworne did declare vpon his ſayde othe, that then euery ſuch perſon ſo offending, ſhall loſe and forfeyte to the Queenes Maieſtie, ſo much lawfull money of England, as he the ſame perſon ſo ſworne was ſet at, or tared to paye.

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And also it is enacted by the same auctho̅itie, that euery person to be rated at the sayde taration as is afo̅resayde, shalde rated, tared and set, and the same on him set, to be leuyed at such place, where he and his familie at the time of the same p̃sentment to bee made, shall kepe his house o̅r dwelling, o̅r where he then shall be most conuersant, abyding o̅r resiaunt, o̅r shall haue his most reso̅rt at the time of the sayde Certificate to bee made, and no where else. And that no Commissioner for this Subsidie shall be rated o̅r tared for his goods o̅r landes, but in the Shire o̅r other place where he shall be Commissioner. And that if any person chargeable to this Acte, at the time of the same assessing, happen to be out of this Realme, o̅r out of Wales, o̅r farre from the place where he shall be knowen: then he to be set, where hee was last abyding in this Realme, o̅r within Wales, and after the substance, value, and other p̃fites of euery person, to be knowen by the examination, certificate o̅r other maner of wise, as is afo̅resayde. And that the sayd Commissioners, o̅r as many of them as shall be appoynted by the Queenes Maesties Commission o̅r Commissions, shall after the rate and rates afo̅resayde, cause euery person so to be set, rated and tared, accoꝛding to the rate of the substance and value of his landes, goods, cattels, and other p̃fites chargeable by this Acte, whereby the greatest and most best summe o̅r summes acoꝛding to his most substance, by reason of this Acte, might o̅r may be set o̅r tared.

And that euery person tared in any Countie o̅r place other then where he is most resiaunt, o̅r hath his family in any Countie o̅r place, other then where hee is a Commissioner for this Subsidie, if he be a Commissioner, vpon certificate made to the sayde Court of Exchequer, vnder the handes and seales of two Commissioners for this Subsidie, in the same Countie o̅r place where such person is most resiaunt o̅r hath his familie, o̅r where hee is a Commissioner for the taration and payment of this Subsidie, testifying such his most resiauncie, hauing of familie, o̅r being a Commissioner, shall bee a sufficient discharge for the taration of that person in all other places, and of and for all other summes of money vpon such persons so set and tared, saue onely the taration made in that Countie o̅r place from which such Certificate shall bee made as is afo̅resayde, and for the summe of money vpon such person there assessed o̅r tared. And that such Certificate without any Plea o̅r other circumstance, shall bee a sufficient warrant as well to the Barons and Auditoꝛ and Auditoꝛs of the sayde Court of Exchequer, as

to all and euery other officers, to whome the allowance thereof shall appertaine, paying for such discharge and allowance onely fyue pence and no more.

Prouided alwayes, that euery such person which shalbe rated or tared according to the intent and true meaning of this Acte, for payment of and to this Subsidie, for or after the yeerely value of his landes, tenements and other reall possessions or profites, at any of the sayde tarations, shall not after be set and tared for his goods and cattels or other moueable substaunce at the same taration, and that hee that shall be set, charged or tared for the same Subsidie for his goods, cattels and other moueables at any of the sayde tarations, according to the true meaning of this acte, shall not after be charged, tared or chargeable for his landes or other reall possessions and profites aboue sayde, at the same tarations or any of them, nor that any person by any taration bee double charged for the sayde Subsidie, nor set or tared at seuerall places by reason of this Acte: But if any person happen to bee double set, tared or charged, either in one place or at seuerall places: then he to be discharged of the one taration, and charged with the other, according to the meaning & intent of this Acte, any thing conteyned in this present Acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that it be ordeyned and enacted by the sayde authoritie of this present Parliament, that no person hauing two mansions, or two places to resort vnto, or calling himselfe houshold seruant, or wayting seruant to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lorde or Lady, Master or Mystresse, be excused vpon his saying, from the tares of the sayde Subsidie, in neyther of the places where he may be set or tared, vnlesse he bring a certificate in wryting from the Commissioners where that he is so sette or tared in deede at one place. And if any person that ought to be set and tared to this present Subsidie, by reason of his remouing or resorting to two places, or by reason of his saying that he elsewhere was tared, or by reason of any priuiledge of his dwelling or abyding in any place, not beyng forepriled in this Acte, or otherwise by his couin or craft, or by any words or sayings or otherwise: or if any that is a Commissioner or Assessour of others, happen to escape from the sayde tarations for the payment of this Subsidie, or any of them, and be not set and tared, according to the true intent of this Acte, and that proued by presentment, examination, Information, or otherwise before the sayde Cõmissioners, or two of them or before the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or two Justices of the peace

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of the Countie where such person dwelleth: Then euery such person that by such meanes or otherwise willingly by couin or without iust cause, shall happen to escape from the sayde tatations or paiments aforesayde, or any of them, and shall not be rated, tared and set, shall bee charged vpon the knowledge and proofe thereof, with, and at the double value of so much as hee should, might or ought to haue bene set and tared at by vertue of this Acte. And the same double value to bee leuied, gathered and payed of his goods and Cattels, Landes and Tenements, towardes the sayde Subsidie, and further to bee punished according to the discretions of the Barons, Justices and Commissioners, before whome he shall be conuicted for his offence and deceipt in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners in euery Commission, shall according to their diuisions, and after they bee diuided, haue full power and authoritie by this Acte, to set, tare and sesse euery other Commissioner ioyned with them in euery such Commission and diuision: And shall also assesse euery Assessor within their diuision, for his or their Goods, Landes and other the premisses as is aboue said: By the which sayd Commission, the sayde Commissioners shall indifferently set, tare and assesse themselues and the sayde Assessors, and that aswell the summes vpon euery of the sayde Commissioners and Assessors so setled, rated and tared, as the summes made and presented by the Presenters, as is aboue sayd, shall be written, certified, set and estreated, and the estreates thereof to be made with other the inhabitantes of that parties, within the limites of the same Commission and diuision, so to be gathered and leuied, in like maner as it ought or should haue bene, if the sayd Commissioners had not bene in the sayde Commission. And that all persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and euery estate aboue, shall be charged with their freehold and value as is aboue said, by the Chauncellour or Lord keeper of the great Seale of England, the high Treasourer of England for the time being, or one of them, together with other such persons as by the Queenes Maiesties authoritie or commandement shall be named and appointed, and they to be charged for the saide seuerall paiments of the said Subsidie, after the forme of the sayde graunt according to the taration aforesayde. And the summes of and vpon them to be set and tared, with the names of the collectors appointed for the gathering and paying of the same, to bee estreated, deliuered and certified at dayes and places aboue specified, by the Lorde Chauncellour or Keeper

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of the great seale, and Lord Treasourer or one of them, together with other such persons as thereunto shalbe named, as is afore-saide.

And bee it further enacted by the authoritie afore-saide, that after the tares and assesses of the said summes vpon and by the said assessing and certificate as is afore-said made, the said Commissioners or as many of them as shall be thereunto appoynted, and haue authoritie by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shall with all speede, and without delay by their writing, estreate the sayde tare thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuel of the saide Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted at the least, And the same shall deliuer vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabitants, Constables, Subconstables, Baylifes and other officers ioyntly of Hundreds, Townes, Parishes and other places afore-sayde within their limits, and to other sufficient persons inhabitants of the same, onely by the discretion of the sayde Commissioners, with the assent of the high Collector, and as the place and parties shall require, aswell the particuler names and surnames, as the remembrance of all the summes of money tared and set, of and vpon euery person aswell man as woman chargeable to this Act, houshol-ders and all other inhabitants and dwellers within the sayde Parishes, Townes, places contributorie to this Act of Subsidie. By authoritie of which writing and estreate to deliue-red, the sayde officers and other persons so named and depu-ted, seuerally shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this Act, immediatly after the deliuerie of the saide writing or estreate, to demaunde, leuie and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe, summes, in the same writing or estreate compiled: And for non paiment thereof, to distreine the same person or persons so being behinde, by their goods and cattels, and the distresse so taken, to keepe by the space of eyght dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And if the sayde owner doe not paye such summe of money as shall be tar-ed by authoritie of this Acte within the same eyght dayes, then the same distresse to bee apprayled by foure, three or two of the inhabitants where such distresse is taken, and also then to bee solde by the Constable or other Collectors for the payment of the sayde money, and the ouerplus comming of the sale and keeping thereof (if any bee) to bee immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse, which sayde officers and other per-sons so deputed to aske, take, gather and leuie the sayd summes, shall answere and be charged for the portion onely to them as-signed

signed and limited to bee gathered, leuied and comprised in the sayde writing or estreate so to them as is aforesayde deliuered, to the vse of our Souereigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her Heires and Successors, and the said summe in that writing or estreate comprised, to pay vnto the high Collector or Collectors of that place, for the collection of the same in maner and forme vnderwritten, thereunto to bee named and deputed, and the same inhabitantes and officers so gathering the same particuler summes, for their collection thereof, shall reteine for euery twentie shillings so by them receiued and payd, two pence. And that to be allowed at the payment of their collection by them to bee made, to the high Collector or Collectors.

And further bee it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde Commissioners or the more part of them, as shall take vpon them the execution and businesse of the sayd Commission, shall for euery of the sayde paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, name such sufficient and able persons, which then shall haue and possesse Landes and other hereditaments in their owne right, of the cleere yeerely value of ten pounds, or goods to the value of foure hundred poundes at the least, as hee shall bee taxed in the Subsidie booke, if any such bee in the sayde limittes, and for want of such so assessed, then those to bee appoynted Collectors that then shall bee sufficient, and taxed and taxed in the Subsidie booke in Landes or goods nearest to the values aforesayde, as by their discretions shall bee thought good, in Shyres, Ridynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswell within places priuiledged as without, not being foreprised within this Acte to bee high Collectors, and to haue the collection and receipt of the sayde summes, set and leuiable within the precinct, limittes and boundes, where they shall bee so limited and appointed to bee high Collectors. And to euery of the sayde Collectors so seuerally named, the sayde Commissioners or two of them at the least, with all spiede and without delay after the sayde whole summe of any payment of the sayde Subsidie bee set, by all the limittes of the same their Commission, or in such limittes as the high Collectors shall bee so seuerally assigned: shall vnder their Seales and signe manuell deliuer one estreate indented in Parchment, comprising in it the names of all such persons as were assigned to leuie the sayd particuler summes, and the summes of euery Hundred, Wapentake, Towne and other place aforesayde, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable, according to the estreate so first

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thereof made and delyuered as is aforesayde. And the Collectors so to be assigned, shall be charged to answere the whole summe comprised in the sayde estreate limited to his collection as is aforesaide.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners, hauing authoritie by this Acte to name and nominate the sayde high Collectors of the sayde Subsidie, shall immediately vpon the nomination and election, take by authoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient recognizances or obligations, without any fee or reward to bee paide therefore, of euery person so by them to bee named to bee high Collector, to bee bounde to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to bee inrolled and made vpon such condition, that is to say, for the collection of the sayde first payment of the sayde Subsidie; That if the sayde Collector, his heires or executors do truly content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or Successors, in the receipt of the sayde Exchequer, at or before the sayde tenth day of October next ensuing, so much of the sayde summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as hee shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time, as hee hath gathered and collected the same residue, that then the sayde recognizances or obligations to be void, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. And for the Collection of the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, vpon condition that if the sayde Collector, his heires or Executors doe truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her Heires or Successors, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the sayde twentieth day of November, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lorde God one thousande fiue hundred fourescore and two, so much of the sayde summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as hee shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time as hee hath gathered and collected the same residue, that then the sayde recognizance or obligation to bee voyde, or else to stande in full strength and vertue, which sayde seuerall recognizances or obligations so taken, the sayde Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the sayde taxations and rates of the paiments of the saide Subsidie, at and by the time to them prescribed and appointed by this Acte, for the certificate of the said seuerall taxations of the sayde Subsidie, vpon payne of forfeyture of

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ten poundes to the Queenes Maiestie for euery recognizance or obligation not certified. And that euery such Collector so elected, named and chosen vpon request to him made, shall knowledge and make the saide recognizance or obligation vpon paine & forfeiture of twenty pound to the Queenes Maiestie for the refusall thereof. And euery Collector so deputed, hauing the said estreate in parchment as is aforesaid, shal haue authority by this Acte to appoint dates and places within the limit of his collection, for the payment of the said Subsidy, to him to be made, and thereof to giue warning by Proclamation, or otherwise to all the Constables or other persons or inhabitants hauing the charge of the particuler collection within the Hundreds, Parishes, Townes or other places by him or them limitted, to make payment for the said particuler collection of euery summe, as to them shall appertaine. And if at the same day and place so limitted and prefixed by the said high Collector, the said constable, officers or other persons, or inhabitants as is aforesaide, for the said particuler collection assigned appointed within such Hundred, Citie, Towne or other place, doe not pay vnto the said high collectors the summe within their seuerall Hundreds, Townes, Parishes and other places diuided and compiled in the saide estreate thereof to them deliuered by the said Commissioners or some of them as is aforesaid, so much thereof as they haue by any meanes receiued (two pence of euery pound for the saide particuler collection as is aforesaid, alwaies thereof to be allowed, excepted and abated) that then it shall be lawful to the said high collectors and euery of them, and to their assignes, to distreine euerie of the said constables, officers and other inhabitants, for their said seueral & particuler collection of the said summes comprised in the said estreat, and writing thereof, to them and euery of them as is before expressed, deliuered, or for so much of the same summe as so then shal happen to be gathered and leuied and behind and vnpaid, by the goods and cattels of euery of them so being behind, and the distresse so taken to be kept, appraysed and sold as is aforesaid, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then being behind and vnpaid. And the ouerplus comming of the sale of the said distresse (if any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner in forme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no person or persons shall be nominated or appointed to be a high Collector or Collectors for the second payment of

any Fifteenth, Tenth or Subsidie graunted by this Acte, which before that time hath been a Collector or collectors for the first payment of any part of the same Fifteenth, Tenth or Subsidie, vnlesse such person or persons so to be nominated & appointed high Collector or Collectors for the said second payment, doe first shew forth before him or them by whom he shalbe so nominated and appointed his (quietus est) for the discharge of his collection before appointed to his charge, vpon paine of one hundred pounds to be paid and forfeited by him or them that so shall nominate and appoint any such Collector contrary to this present Acte.

Prouided alwaies, that no person inhabiting in any Citie, Borough or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be any assessor, or Collector of or for any part of the said Subsidie in any place or places out of the said Citie, Borough or Towne corporate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the said authoritie enacted, that if any inhabitants or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons, charged to and for the collection and receipt of any part or portion of the said Subsidie, by any maner of meanes according to this Act, or any person or persons for themselues, or as keeper, gardian, deputie, factor or attorney, of or for any other person or persons of any goods and cattels of the owner therof, at the time of the said assessing to be paid, being out of this realm, or in any other partes not knowen, or of & for the goods and cattels of any other person or persons, of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Mistery or other whatsoeuer Communaltie, being corporate or not corporate, and all persons hauing in their rule, gouernance and custodie, any Goods or cattelles at the time of the saide assessing, or any of them to be made, or which for any cause, for and by collection, or for himselfe, or for any other, or by reason that hee hath the rule, gouernance or custodie of any goods or cattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, Communaltie, Fraternitie, Guilde or Mystery, or any such other like, or as Factor, Deputie or Attorney, of or for any person, shall bee taxed, rated, valued and set, to any summe or summes by reason of this Acte: And after the taxation or assessing vpon any such person or persons as shall bee charged with the receipt of the same, happen to die or depart from the place where hee was so taxed and set, or his goods or cattels be so eloyned, or in such priuie and couert maner kept, as the saide person or persons charged with the same, by estreates or other writinges from the said Commissioners, or as many of them as

as shall be thereunto appointed by the saide Commission as is aforesayde, can, we may leuie the same summe or summes compiled within the same estreates, by distresse within the limits of their collection as is aforesayd, or cannot sell such distresse or distresses as be taken for any of the sayde payments, before the time limitted to the high Collector for his payment to be made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt, then vpon relation thereof, with due examination by the othe or examination of such person or persons as shall be charged with, and for the receipt and collection of the same, before the said Commissioners, or as many of them as by the saide Commission shalbe thereunto appointed, where such person or persones or other as is aforesaid, their goods and cattels were set and tared. And vpon plaine certificate thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, as well of the dwelling place, names and summes of the said persons of whome the said summes cannot be leuied and had, as is aforesaide, then as well the Constables and other inhabitants appointed for the said particuler collection against the high Collectors, as the high Collector vpon his accompt and one in the sayde Exchequer to be discharged thereof, and processe to be made for the Queenes Maiestie out of the sayde Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the sayde Exchequer against such person, his heires or executors, so being behinde with his payment. And ouer that, the same Commissioners to whome any such declaration of the premisses shall be made in forme aforesayd, from time to time shall haue full power and authoritie to direct their precept or precepts vnto the sayde person or persons charged with any summe of, for and vpon any such person and persons, or other as is aforesayde, or to any Sheriffe, Steward, Bayliffe, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons of such place or places, where any such person or persons so owing such summe or summes, shall haue Landes and Tenements or other hereditaments, or real possessions, goods and cattels, whereby any such person or persons so indebted, his heires, executors or assignes, or other hauing the custodie, gouernance or disposition of any goods, cattels, Landes or Tenements or other hereditaments, which ought or may by this act lawfully be distreined or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goods, cattels, lands, tenements or other possessions, whereof such summe or summes, which by any such person or persons may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limittes of such Commission, where such person or per-

sons was or were tared, or wichoutin any place within this Realme of England, Wales or other the Queenes Maiesties Dominions, Marches or Territories, by which precept, aswell such person or persons shalbe charged to leuie such money as the officers of the place or places, where such distresse may be taken, shal haue ful power and authoritie to distreine euery such person indebted, charged or chargeable by this Acte, or his executors or administrators of his goods & cattels, his Gardians, Factors, Deputies, Lessees, Farmers and Assignes, and all other persons by whose handes or out of whose landes any such person should haue fee, rent, annuitie or other profit, or which at the time of the saide assessing, shall haue goods or cattels, or any other thing moueable of any such person or persons, being indebted or owing such summe, and the distresses so taken, cause to be kept, appraised and solde in like maner and forme as is aforesaid, for the distresse to be taken vpō such persons to be tared to the said Subsidie, and being sufficient to distreine within the limits of the collectors, inhabitants or other officers charged with or for the said summes so vpon them to be tared. And if any such distresse for non payment happen to be taken out of the limit of the said persons charged and assigned to leuie the same, the persons so charged for the leuie of any such summes by distresse, shall pereine and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person going for the execution thereof, for euery mile that any such person so laboreth for the same, two pence. And euery Farmer, Tenant, Gardian, Factor or other whatsoeuer person, being distreyned or otherwise charged, for paymēt of any such summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Act, shalbe of such summe or summes of him or them so leuied & taken, discharged & acquited at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuery of such goods & cattels as he that is so distreyned, had in his custodie or gouernance, against him or them that shal be so tared and set, any graunt or writing obligatorie or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore notwithstanding.

And if any such person that should be so distreyned, haue no landes or Tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his Tenants and Farmers may bee distreined, or haue aliened, eloyned or hid his goods and cattels, whereby hee should or might be distreyned, in such maner that such goods and cattels should not bee knowen or founde, so that the summe of or by him to bee paide in the sayde forme, shall ne can bee conueniently leuied, then vpon relation thereof to the Commissioners,

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of so as many of them as by the said commission shalbe thereunto appointed, where such person or persons was taxed and set by the others of him or them that shall be charged with the levie and payment of that summe or summes. The same Commissioners shall make a precept in such manner as is aforesaid, unto attache, take & arrest the body of such person or persons, that ought to pay the saide summes, and by this Act shall bee charged with and for the said summe and summes, and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison within the shyre or other place where any such person or persons shalbe taken and attached, there to remaine without bayle or mainprise, until hee hath paid the said summe or summes that such person for himselfe also any other by this Acte, shalbe chargeable or ought to bee charged withal, and also for the fees of every such arrest, to him or them that shall execute such precept, twentie pence. And that every officer unto whom such precept shalbe directed, doe his true diligence, and execute the same upon every person to being assessed, upon paine to forfeite to the Queenes Majestie for every default in that behalfe, twentie shillings: And that no keeper of any gaole, frō his gaole suffer any such person to go at large, by letting to bayle, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he have paid his said debt, & the said twentie pence in the said arrest, upon paine to forfeite to the Queenes Majestie twentie shillings: And the same gaoler to pay to the Queenes Majestie the double value, aswell of the rate, whereby the saide person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the said twentie pence for the fees: And like procesle and remedie in like sorte shall be ordered by the said Commissioners, or as many of them as by the saide Commission shalbee thereunto appointed, at the information of every person or persons beyng charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons by reason of the said Subsidie, and not thereof payd, but wilfully withdrawen, nor the same leviable within the limittes where such persons were thereunto taxed. And if the summe or summes beyng behinde unpaid by any person or persons as is aforesaide, bee levied and gathered by force of the saide procesle to be made by the said Commissioners, or in default or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owing the said summe or summes of money, by procesle of the same Commissioners to be made as is aforesaid, be committed to prison in forme aboue saide, that then the said Commissioners, whiche shall awarde such procesle, shall

make certificate thereof in the saide Exchequer of that shall bee
done in the premisses, in the terme next followyng after such
summe or summes of money, so being behinde, shall bee leuied
and gathered, or such person or persons for non payment of the
same committed to prison. And if it happen any of the saide
Collectors to bee assigned, or any Maiors, Shirifes, Ste-
wards, Constables, the Headborough, Burfholder, Baylife, or
any other officer or minister, or other whatsoeuer person or per-
sons, to disobey the saide Commissioners, or any of them in the
reasonable request to them made by the said commissioners, for
execution of the said commission, or if any of the officers or
other persons doe refuse that to them shall apperteine and be-
long to doe, by reason of any precept to him or them to bee di-
rected, or any reasonable commaundement, instance or request
touching the premisses, or other defaulte in any apparance or col-
lection to make, or if any person being suspect not to bee in-
differently taxed as is aforesaid, doe refuse to bee examined ac-
cording to the tenor of this Acte before the said commissioners,
or as many of them as shall be thereunto assigned, as is afore-
said, or will not appeare before the same commissioners, vpon
warning to him made, or els make resistance or rescous vpon
any distresse vpon him to bee taken for any percell of the
said Subsidie, or commit any misbehauiour in any maner of
wise, contrary to this Acte, or commit any wilfull omission or
other whatsoeuer wilful not doing or misdoing contrary to the
tenor of this Act or graunt: The same Commissioners, a euery
number of them aboue remembred or two of them at the least,
vpon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanour had, by
information or examinatiō, shall and may set vpon euery such
offender for euery such offence in name of a fine, by the same of-
fender to bee forfeited, fortie shillinges or vnder, by discretio-
on of the same Commissioners: And further the same Commissi-
oners and euery number of them or two of them at the least,
shal haue authoritie by this present act, to punish euery such of-
fender by imprisonment, there to remaine and to be delivered
by their discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient, the saide
fines, if any such be, to be certified by the said Commissioners
that so assessed the same, into the Queenes Maiesties saide
Exchequer, there to be leuied and paid by the collectors of that
parties for the said subsidie, returned into the said Exchequer,
to be therewith charged with the payment of the said Subsi-
die, in such maner as if the said fines had beene set and taxed
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vpon the said offenders for the said Subsidie.

And it is also enacted by the said authoritie of this present Parliament, that euery of the said high Collectors, which shall accompt for any parte of the sayde Subsidie, in the saide Exchequer vpon their seuerall accomptes to be yeelden, shalbe allowed at euery of the saide paymentes of the the saide Subsidie, for euery pounde limitted to his collection, wherof any such Collector shall bee charged and yeelde account, sixe pence, as percell of their charge, that is to say, of euery pound thereof for such person as then haue had the particuler collection of the Townes and other places as is aforesaid, specified, in his collection, two pence, and other two pence of euery pounde thereof, euery of the said chiefe Collectors or their accomptants to retaine, to their owne vse, for their labour and charge in and about the premisses, and two pence of euery pound residue, to be deliuered, allowed and paid, by the said Collector so being thereof allowed, to such of the Commissioners as shal take vpon them the businesse and labour for and about the premisses: that is to say, Euery Collector to pay that cōmissioner or commissioners which had the ordering of the writinges of and for the said Subsidie, where the said collector or collectors had their collection, for the expences for the said Commissioners, so taking vpon them the said businesse & labour of their clarkes writing the said precepts, and extracts of the said collections, the same last two pence of euery pound to be diuided amongst the saide Commissioners hauing regard to their labour and businesse taken by them and their sayd Clarkes, in, and about the premisses, for which parte, so to the sayde Commissioners attiening, the sayde Commissioners, syxe, fyue, fouee, three or two, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties commission, and euery of them, ioyntly and seuerally, for his and their sayde parte, may haue his remedie against the sayde Collector or Collectors, which thereof beene or might haue beene allowed, by action of debt, in which the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neyther protection, neyther iniunction or essoigne shall be allowed: And that no person nowe being of the number of the company of this present Parliament, nor any commissioner shall be named or assigned to be any collector or subcollector or Presentor of the saide Subsidie, or of any part therof, nor no commissioners shall be cōpelled to make any presentment or certificate other then in ye Queenes Maiesties said Exchequer, of for or cōcerning the said subsidy, or any part or percel therof. And likewise ye no other

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person that shalbe named and assigned to bee Commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of this Act of Subsidie, be or shall be assigned or named head Collectors of any of the payments of the said Subsidie, neither of any part thereof. And that euery such person or persons which shall bee named and appointed as is aforesaid, to be head Collectors of and for the first payment of this Subsidie, shall not bee compelled to be Collector, for the second payment of the said Subsidie, nor for any part thereof. And the saide Collectors which shall be assigned for the collection of the said Subsidie, or for any parte thereof, and euery of them, be and shalbe acquited and discharged of all maner Fees, Rewardes and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment or accounts, or any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that if any person receiue or take any Fees, rewards or pleasures, of any such accomptant, or vse any vnnecessary delay in their account, that then her shall forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie for euery penny or value of euery penny or penny worth so taken, fiue shillings, and fiue poundes to the partie greeued, for euery such delay, & suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taxing and assessing of the said Subsidie, (as is aforesaid) had or made, and the said extracts thereof in parchment, vnto the Collector in maner and forme before rehearsed, deliuered: the said Commissioners which shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte within the limittes of their Commission, by their agreementes shall haue meeting together, at which meeting euery of the saide Commissioners, which then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the said Commission, shall by him selfe or his sufficient deputie, truely certifie and bring foorth vnto the said Commissioners named in the said Commission, the certificate and presentment made before him and such other Commissioners as were limitted with him in one limit, so that the same certificate may be accounted and cast with the other certificates of the other limittes within the same commission, and then the said commissioners and euery number of them, vnto two at the least as is aforesaid, if any be in life, or their executors or administrators of their goods, if they then be dead, shall ioyntly and seuerally as they were diuided within their limittes, vnder their seales, by their discretion make one or seueral writings indented conteyning in it, aforell the names of the saide collectors by the commissioners, for such collection and accountes in the

the Exchequer, and paiment in the same receipt, deputed and assigned as the grosse & seuerall summes, written vnto euery such Collectors to receiue the said Subsidie, and also all fines, amerciamentes, & other forfeitures, if any such by reason of this Acte, happen to be within the precinct and limit of their commission, to be certified into the Queenes Maiesties saide Exchequer by the said Commissioners. In which writing or writings indeted so to be certified, shalbe plainly declared and expressed the whole and entier summe or summes of the said subsidie, seuerally limitted to the collection of the said Collectors, seuerally deputed and assigned to the collection of the saide summes. So that none of the saide Collectors so certified in the said Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to account or to bee charged, but onely to and for the summes limitted to his collection, and not to or for any summe, limitted to the collection of his felowe: But euery of them shalbe seuerally charged for their part limitted to their collection. And if the said Cõmissioners ioyned in one commission amongst themselues, in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not ready, or refuse to make certificate with other of the same commissioners, that then the saide Commissioners may make seuerall Indentures in forme aforesaide of their seuerall limittes or separations of Collectors, within the limittes of their commission, vpon and in the Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes or such other like diuisions, within their said seuerall limittes of their commission, as the places there shall require to be seuered and diuided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seeme good, to make diuisions of their limittes or collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Collectors, so that alway one Collector shall bee charged and accounte for his part to him to bee limitted onely by him selfe, and not for any summe limitted to the part of any of his felowes: And the charges of euery of the Collectors to be set & certified seuerally vpon them. And euery such Collector vpon his account and paiment of the summe of money limitted within his collection, to bee seuerally by him selfe acquited and discharged in the saide Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewardes to any person or persons for the same, vpon paine and penaltie last aforesaide, and not to be charged for any portio of any other Collector. And if any Commissioner after he hath taken certificate of them, that is aforesaid shalbe before any such Commissioners examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes & writings thereof being in his handes, or if any Collector or other person charged with any receipt of any part of the saide Subsidie, or any other

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person tared or otherwise by this Act charged with and for any parcel of the said Subsidie, or with any other summe, fine, amerciament, penaltie or other forfaiture, happen to die before the Commissioners, Collectors, or other whatsoeuer person or persons haue executed, accomplished, satisfied or sufficiently discharged that which to euery such person shall appertaine or belong to doe according to this Acte: Then the executors and heires of euery such person, and all other seised of any Lands and Tenements, that any such person being charged by this Acte, and dealing before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse onely, had of estate of inheritance at the time that any such person was named Commissioner, Collector or otherwise charged, with or for any maner of thing to be done, satisfied or paied by reason of this Acte: And all those that haue in their possessions or hands, any goods, cattels, leases or other things that were to any such person or persons, at the time of his death, or any lands or tenements, that were the same persons at the time he was, as is aforesaid, charged by this Acte, shalbe by the same compelled, and charged to doe and accomplish in euery case, as the same person so being charged, should haue done, or might haue bene compelled to doe, if he had bene in plaine life, after such rate of the Lands and goods of the said Commissioner or Collector, as the partie shal haue in his hands. And if the said Commissioners for causes reasonable them mouing, shall thinke it not conuenient, to ioyne in one certificat as is aforesaid, then the said person or persons that shall first ioyne together, or he that shall first certifie the said writing indented as is aforesaid, shall certifie all the names of the Commissioners of that Commission, whereupon such writing shall be there then to be certified, with diuision of the Hundreds, Wapentakes, Wardes, Tithings and other places, to and among such Commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, where such seuerations and diuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, aswell of and for the said Subsidie tared or set, of or within the said Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, or other places to him or them diuided or assigned, that shall so certifie the said first writing, as of the fines, amerciamentes, penalties and other forfeitures, if any happen to be within the same limittes, whereof the same writings shalbe certified. And after such writings indented, which as is aforesaid shall bee certified, and not conteine in it the whole and full summes, set and tared within the limittes of the same Commission, the other Commissioners of the same, before the day of payment of the saide Subsidie, shall

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certifie into the said Exchequer, by their writing or writings indented, to be made as is aforesaid, the grosse & seuerall summes, set and taxed within the places to them limitted, for the saide Subsidie, and other fines, amerciaments, penalties and forfeitures, with the names of the Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by their saide writings indented, to certifie at the same place, before the same day of payment, such reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make such certificate of and for the said Subsidy, fines, amerciaments and other forfeitures, growing or set by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their not certifying as is aforesaid, or els in default thereof, Process to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties said Exchequer, against the said commissioners, and euery of them, not making certificate as is aforesaid, by the discretion of the Treasurer and Barons of the said Exchequer.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the inhabitants of the Parish of S. Martin called Stamford Baron, in the suburbes of the Borough & towne of Stamford in the South part of the water there called Welands, which hereafter shalbe contributorie to the payment of this present Subsidie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie her heires and successors, shall be assessed, rated and taxed for this time, by such Commissioners, which shall bee appointed for the taxing, rating and selling of the Subsidie within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this time contributorie, and pay the said Subsidie, to the Collector or Collectors, which shalbe assigned and appointed, for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Borough and Towne of Stamford.

Prouided alwaies and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all and euery person & persons hauing Mannors, Landes, Tenements and other Hereditaments chargeable to the payment of the Subsidie graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this Acte, and also hauing spirituall possessions chargeable to her said Maiestie, by the graunt made by the Clergie of this Realme, in their Conuocation, and ouer this, hauing substance in Goods and Cattelles chargeable by this said Act, that then if any of the said person or persons bee hereafter charged, assessed and taxed for the said Mannors, Lands and Tenements, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged & taxed for his & their goods & cattels, that then he or they shalbe only charged by vertue of this act, for his and

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their said Mannors, Landes, Tenements, Hereditamentes and spirituall possessions or onely for his said goods, and cattels, the best thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thing in this Act conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsidie or any thing therein conteined, in any wise extend not to charge the inhabitants dwelling in Ireland, Jerneley, and Garneley or any of them, of, for or concerning any Mannors, Lands, Tenementes or other possessions, goods, cattels or other moueable substance, which the said inhabitants or dwellers or any others to their vse haue, within Ireland, Jerneley and Garneley, or any of them, or of, for or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the said inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendance and doing seruice to our Souereigne Lady in Ireland, Jerneley and Garneley, or in any of them: Any thing in this present Act, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this present Acte of Subsidie, ne any thing therein conteined extend to any of the English inhabitants or resiaunts in any of the Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, and the Bishoprycke of Durham, or to any of them, of, for or concerning any Mannors, Landes, Tenements or other possessions, goods, cattels or other moueable substance, which the same English inhabitants or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the said Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, or the Towne of Barwick, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, or the Bishoprycke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the said English inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendance or doing seruice to the Queenes Maiestie, for or within the said Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, & the Bishoprycke of Durham or any of them, to or for the said taxing, leuying, gathering or payment: But that the English inhabitants and resiauntes, and euery of them of the said counties, Bishoprycke and Townes, and euery of them, shall be of and from the said e Subsidie and euery perell thereof only for their Mannors, Landes, Tenements, Fees, Wages, Goods and Cattels, lying and being in the said Coun-

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tyes, Townes and Bishopricke, or any of them vtterly acquyted and discharged, Any thing in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that all letters patentes graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes or Townes within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuiledges or exemptions from the burden and charge of any such grauntes of subsidies, which be at this present time in force and vaileable, shall remaine good and effectuall to the said Cities, Boroughes and Townes hereafter, according to the purportes thereof, although the inhabitantes of the same, and also the said corporations, shal vpon the great and weightie consideration of the graunt aboue saide, bee for this graunt charged & contributorie, in like maner, forme and sort, as other Cities, Boroughes and Townes, which be not in any wise priuiledged, but by this acte charged.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That no Orphant or Infant, within the age of xxi. yeeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment of this subsidie, for his or her goods & cattels to him or her left or bequethed, Any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shall extende to the goods or landes of any Colledge, Hall or Hostell within the Vniuersities of Oxford and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goods or lands of the Colledge of Winton, founded by Bishoppe Wickham, or to the goods or landes of the Colledges of Eaton nere Windsor, or to the landes, tenements or reuenewes onely assigned or appointed for the sustentation and liuing of the poore knightes, founded in the Castle or Colledge of Windesor by our late soueraigne Lorde king Henry the eight, or to any of the goods or cattels of the sayde knightes or any of them, or to the goods or landes of any common free Grammer schoole within the Realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goods of any Reader, Schoolemaster or Scholler, or any graduate resiaunt or remaining for studie without fraude or couin within any of the saide Vniuersities & Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, or suburbes of the same, or to any of them, or to any their seruants dayly attending vpon any of them, nor to the goods of any Officer, Minister, Almes men, or seruants belonging to any of ỹ saide Vniuersities, Colledges, Halles or Hostels, and dwelling and resiaunt within the saide Vniuersities or either of them, or within

either of the saide Townes of Cambridge and Oxford, and the suburbes of the same, without fraude or couin, or to the goods & lands of any Hospitall Mealoudien, or spitlehouse, prepared & vsed for the sustentatiō and relefe of poore people, Any thing in this acte conteined to ỳ contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that the said graunt of Subsidie or any thing therein conteined, do not in any wise extend or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any the inhabitants or resiaunts at this present time dwelling within the fiue portes corporate, or to any their members incorporated, or vnited to the same fiue portes, or to any of the same fiue portes, But that the inhabitantes or resiantes in the said fiue ports corporated, and their members, be and shalbe, of and from the said graunt & paimēt of the said subsidie, & euery parcel thereof, & onely during their resiaunce there, & no longer, clerely discharged & acquited, Any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this present act had or made to the contrary notwithstāding.

Prouided also that ỳ said graunt of Subsidie & two fifteenes and tenthes, do not in any wise extend or be preiudicial or hurtfull to the English inhabitants or resiantes at this present time within the liberties of Romney marshe, of or for any part of the said summes graunted in this present Parliament, of the saide English inhabitantes nowe there resiant, or any of them to be taxed, set, asked, leuied or payed, But that the said English inhabitantes, and now resiantes of Romney Marshe aforesaid, and euery of them be and shalbe, of and from the said graunt & payment of the said Subsidie and two fifteenes & tenthes, during their resiancie there, and no longer, acquited & discharged, Any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this present acte made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any alien or straunger borne, denizen or not denizen, and dwelling or inhabiting within this Realme of England, shal assigne or conuey ouer vnto any his or their childe or childzen borne within this said Realme of England, any his or their lands, tenements, goods or chattels, to the intent therby to defraude the Queenes Maiestie of her said subsidie of or for the same, that then all & euery such childe or childzē so being seised of any such lāds or tenemēts, or possessed of any such goods or chattels, shalbe charged & chargeable to & with the paiment of double the said subsidie for the same lands, tenements, goods & cattailes, at the said rates and values as Aliens and straungers, denizens or not denizens are before limited and appointed to pay,

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to the Queenes most excellent Maiestie.

An acte for the Queenes Maiesties most gratious, generall, and free Pardon.

Chap.xvi.

THe Queenes most excellent Maiestie, well perceyuing and vnderstanding that her louing subiectes by many and sundry wayes & meanes, haue of late diuerslye offended against the good lawes and Statutes of this her highnes Realme, and therby are fallen into grieuous paines, forfeytures and penalties, out of which they can not be deliuered, but onely by her Maiesties great mercy: And withall, considering that Iustice and Mercie doe chiefly appertayne to her Princely estate and function, to be deliuered and distributed to her subiectes as occasion shal serue: And at this present her highnesse by Gods prouidence, being rather inclined with mercie and clemencie to allure, prouoke and stirre her subiectes to liue and continue in their due obedience towardes her Maiestie, then otherwise by seuere iustice to correct them according to their desertes, and the seueritie of her lawes: and hauing aberiall trust and confidence in her saide louing subiectes, that they will from henceforth, diligently apply and endeuour them selues to serue her Maiestie in al obedience & due obseruance of her Maiesties lawes, hath thought it conuenient at this time, with her Highnesse free and generall Pardon, to discharge her sayde subiectes of many great paynes, forfeytures and penalties, wherewith they standde nowe charged and chargeable, by reason of their manifolde offences, disobediences and contempts.

And therfore her highnesse of her most gratious disposition is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, in maner and fourme following: That is to say, that all and euery the sayde Subiectes, as well Spirituall

as Temporall of this her highnesse Realme of England, Wales, the Isles of Jernesey and Garnesay, & the Towne of Barwike, the heires, successours, executours and administratours of them and euery of them, and all and singuler bodyes in any maner of wise corporated, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, Hamlettes and Tithings, and euery of them, and the Successour and Successours of euery of them, shalbe by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament acquited, pardoned, released and discharged against the Queenes Maiestie, her heires & successours, and euery of them, of al maner of Treasons, Felonies, Offences, Contempts, Trespasses, Entries, wrongs, deceites, Misdemeanours, forfeytures, penalties and summes of money, paynes of death, paynes corporall and pecuniarie, and generally of all other thinges, causes, quarrelles, suites, iudgementes and executions in this present Acte hereafter not excepted nor foreprised, which may bee or can bee by her highnesse in any wise or by any meanes pardoned before and vnto the first day of Januarie last past, in this present xxiii. yeere of her most gratious reigne, to euery or any of her said subiectes, bodies corporated, Cities, Boroughs, Shyres, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages and Tythings, or any of them.

And also the Queenes Highnesse is contented, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that her saide free Pardon shall bee as good and effectuall in the Lawe to euery of her sayde subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, in, for and against all things which be not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and foreprised, as the same Pardon shoulde haue beene, if all offences, contempts, forfeytures, causes, matters, suits, quarrels, iudgements, executions, penalties and al other thinges not hereafter in this acte excepted and foreprised, had bene particularly, singularly, specially & plainly named, rehearsed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names in their kindes, natures & qualities, by words and termes thereunto requisite to haue beene put in and expressed in this present Acte of free Pardon: And that her sayde subiects nor any of them, nor the heyres, executours or administratours of any of them, nor of the sayd bodyes corporate & other before named and rehearsed, nor any of them be, nor shall be sued, vexed or inquieted in their bodies, goods, cattels, lands or tenements, for any maner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfeiture, trespasse, offēce, or any other thing suffered, done or committed before the sayd first day of Januarie against

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her Highnesse, her Crowne, Dignitie, prerogatiue, Lawes or Statutes, But onely for such matters, causes and offences as be rehearsed, mentioned, or in some wise touches in the exceptions of this present Acte hereafter mentioned to be foreprised and excepted, and for none other, Any Statute or statutes, Lawes, Customes or Usages heretofore had, made or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And the Queenes Highnesse of her bounteous liberalitie, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament graunteth, and freely gineth to euery of her saide Subiectes, and to euery of the saide bodies corporate and other before rehearsed, and euery of them, all Goods, Cattels, Debtes, Fines, Issues, Profittes, Amerciamentes, Forfaitures and Summes of money by any of them forfaited, which to her Highnes do or shoulde belong or appertayne by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, entree, misdemeanour, matter, cause or quarrell, suffered, done or committed by them or any of them, before the saide first day of Januarie, which be not hereafter in this present Acte foreprised and excepted: And that all and euery the Queenes sayd Subiectes, and all and singuler bodies corporate, and others before rehearsed, may by him or their selfe, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their attourney or attourneyes, according to the lawes of this realme pleade and minister this present acte of free pardon for his or their discharge of and for euery thing that is by vertue of this present Acte pardoned, discharged, giuen or graunted, without any fee or other thing in any wise paying to any person or persons for writing or entrie of the iudgements, or other cause concerning such Plea, writing or entrie, but onely v.d. to be paide to the Officer or Clarke that shall enter such Plea, Matter or Judgement for the parties discharged in that behalfe (any Lawe, Statute, Usage or Custome to the contrary notwithstanding.)

And furthermore, the Queenes highnesse is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that her sayde free Pardon, by the generall woordes, clauses and sentences before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, deemed, analyzed, expounded, allowed & taken in all maner of Courtes of her Highnesse & else where, most beneficially and auaylably to all and singuler her sayde Subiectes, bodyes corporate & others before rehearsed, and to euery of them in all thinges not in this present Acte excepted or foreprised, without any Ambiguitie, question, or other delay whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected or alleaged by the Queene our Soueraigne Ladie, her

heyres or successours, or by her or any of their generall Attourney or Attourneys, or by any person or persons for her Highnes or any of her heyres or successours.

And further it is enacted by the Quene our soueraigne Lady, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that if any Officer or Clarke of any of her Highnesse Courtes commonly called the kings Benche, Chaunccrie, Comon place or of the Exchequer, or any other officer or clarke of any other of her highnes Courtes, within this Realme, at any time after the last day of this present Session of Parliament, make out or write out any maner of writtes, Proteste, Sommons or other Precepts, whereby any of the sayde Subiectes, or any of the sayde bodyes corporated, or others before rehearsed, or any of them shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distrayned, sommoned or otherwise vexed, inquieted or grieued in his or their bodies, landes, Tenementes, Goods or Cattels, or in any of them, for or because of any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free pardon: Or if any Sheriffe or Escheator, or any of their Deputie or Deputies, or any Bailiffe or other Officer whatsoeuer, by colour of his or their office or otherwise after the sayde last day of this present Session of Parliament, doe leuie, receyue, take or withholde of or from any person or persons, any thing pardoned or discharged by this Acte, that then euery such person so offending, and thereof lawfully conuicted or condemned by any sufficient testimonie, witnesse or proofe, shall yeelde and pay for recompence thereof to the partie so grieued or offended therby, his or their treble damages, besides all costes of the suite, & shall also forfeite and lose to the Quenes Majestie, for euery such default, ten pounds. And moreouer that all & singuler such writs, proteste and precepts so to be made for or vpon any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present Acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted, that this present Acte of free pardon, nor any thing therein contayned, shall not extende to pardon, or discharge any person or persons of any treason, murder, or felonie, committed or done by any person or persons against the Quenes most Royall person, and all conspiracies and confederacies touching the same, committed or done by any person or persons against the Quenes Majesties Royall person.

And also prouided, that this present Acte of free pardon, nor any thing therein contayned, shall not extende to pardon, or discharge any person or persons, for the particular deceyt, or wrong done by any person or persons, to the partie or parties beyond the seas, or in any other place out of the Quenes dominions, of all Suites, punishmentes, Executions, paynes of death, Forfeitures and Penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any the treasons

sons and offences before excepted.

And also excepted and foreprised out of this generall pardon, all and euery offences of piracie & robbery done vpon the Seas, and al and euery comforting, procuring or abbetting of the same offences to be had, done or committed.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all maner of voluntary murders, petie treasons, and wilfull poysonings done or committed by any person or persons, and al and euery the accessaries to the same offences or any of them, before the sayde offences committed.

And also excepted out of this pardon all offences of forging and false counterfeiting of any the moneyes currant within this Realme, And also all offences of vnlawfull diminishing of any the sayde moneyes by any way or meanes whatsoeuer, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, And also all abbetting, ayding, comforting or procuring of the same offences, or any of them to be committed or done.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all Burgularies committed or done in any dwelling house or houses, any person or persons then being in the sayde house and put in feare.

And also excepted all robberies done vpon, or to any man or womans person in the high way or else where, And all and singular accessaries of or to any such robberies before the sayd robbery committed.

And also al wilfull burnings of any dwelling house or houses, or of any Barne or Barnes, wherein any Corne is.

And also excepted all Rapes, and carnall Rauishments of women.

And also all rauishments & wilfull taking away or marrying of any Maide, Widowe or Damosel against her wil, or without the assent or agreement of her Parenes, or of such as haue her in custodie.

And also all offences of ayding, comforting, procuring or abbetting of any such rauishment, wilfull taking or marrying to be had, committed or done.

And also excepted al wilful escapes of any traitours or felons.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all persons now attaynted or outlawed of or for any treason, pety treason, murder, wilfull poysoning or robbery.

And also excepted all offences of Inuocations, Coniurations, Witchcrafts, Sorceries, Inchauntments and Charmes, and al offences of procuring, abbetting or comforting of the same, and all persons now attaynted or conuicted of any of ye sayd offences.

And also except al & euery maner of taking from the Queenes Maiestie of any goods or cattels, or the Issues, Rents, Reuenues or profites of any Mannours, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, which were of any Traytour, Murderer, Felon, Clarke or Clarkes attaynted, or Fugitiues, or of any of them.

And also except all goods and cattels in any wise forfeyted to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of any Treason, petie treason, murder or felonie heretofore committed or done.

And also except out of this generall pardon, al persons which the last day of this present Session of Parliamēt stand indicted of any wilfull murder, and which yet be not acquited or discharged thereof, and all forfeitures and titles of forfeitures of any goods, cattels, landes or tenements, that now is growen or acctued, or hereafter may growe, accrue or come by any offence or offences committed or done by any such person or persons.

And also excepted out of this pardon all intrusions had, made or done by any person or persons, in or vpon any the Mannours, Landes, Tenements or other Hereditaments of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and all wastes done, committed or suffered vpon any such Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, and the wrongfull taking of any the Rents, Issues and Profites of the same Mannours, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments of our saide Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, And also all Suites, Accounts and Impetitions of and for the same.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all alienations of any Landes, Tenements or Hereditaments without licence, and all Fines, Issues and profites that may or ought to growe or come to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of any such alienation without licence.

And also excepted out of this pardon all wastes committed or done in any of the Queenes Wards lands, or in the Wards lands of any of the Queenes Committees. And also all euery Fine and Fines for the single or double value of the marriage or marriages of all and euery Ward or Wards at any time heretofore growen to the Queenes Maiestie or any her noble Progenitours.

And also excepted all concealed Wards, and the lands of such Wards concealed, and all Liueries and Primer seisons, and ouster le mayns that ought to be had, done or sued for the same.

And also excepted out of this general Pardon, al rauishments and wrongfull taking or withholding of any of the Queenes Wards or Wards Lands, or the rents and profits of the same

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at any time comen or growen to the Queenes hands, and euery other thing that by reason of any Ward or Wards lands ought to come of be to the Queenes Maiestie, and which as yet is not discharged.

And also excepted all Fines that should or ought to growe to the Queenes Maiestie of any of her Widowes that haue maried without license.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all & euery person and persons, which haue tendered, or ought to sue liuery out of due said Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of or for any Mannours, Landes, Tenements or Hereditaments whatsoeuer they be, shall sue his and their Liuery and Liueries out of our said Soueraigne Lady the Queenes handes, of his or their Mannours, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, in like maner and forme as they and euery of them should or ought to haue done, if this Acte had neuer bene had ne made, any article, thing or things in this present Acte of general Pardon comprised and specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

And also excepted and forepriſed out of this pardon, all such persons as the last day of this present Session of Parliament in prison within the Towre of London, or in the prison of the Marshalsey, or in the prison of the Fleete, by expresse commandement from the Queenes Maiestie, or by the commandement of any of her Maiesties priuie Counsell.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all and euery such person and persons, which at any time sithence the beginning of the Queenes Maiesties reygne, haue fledde out of this Realme of England, or any other the Queenes Dominions, for any offence of high treason, petie treason, or misprision of treason.

And also excepted al such persons as be fled or gone out of this Realme, for any cause contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this realme, without the Queenes Maiesties licence.

And also excepted all such persons as haue obtayned and had licence to depart this Realme for a certaine time, and nowe doe abyde out of the Realme without any lawfull excuse after the time of their licence expired.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all and euery concealements or wrongfull deteynements of any custome or Subsidie due to the Queenes Maiestie, and all accountes, impetitions and sutes to be had, made or done for the same.

And also excepted all and singuler accompts of all and euery Collectour and Collectours of any Subsidie, Fifteene, custome

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or other thing, and all accountes of euery other person whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptāt to the Queenes Highnesse, or to her most Noble Father King Henry the eyght, or to King Edward the sixt, or Queene Mary, or to any of them, & the heires, executors and administrators of euery such person that ought to account for all thinges touching onely the same accountes, and all and singuler arrerages of accounts, and all untrue accountes, and all impetitions, sutes, demaundes and executions, which can or may be had, of or for any account or accountes, or any arrerages of the same.

And also excepted all inclosures, and decayes of houses of husbandrie, and the conuerting of any lande from tyllage to pasture, made, done, committed or permitted contrary to the forme and effect of any statute or statutes heretofore made.

And also excepted and foreprised out of this Pardon, all and all maner of deceites and offences of al and singuler monyers & other officers, mynters & workemen of or in any of the Queenes Maiesties myntes within this Realme or any other her Dominions, and all impetitions and punishments for the same.

And also excepted all titles and Actions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, Releefe and Releefes, Rent Seruices, Rent charges, Rentes Seckes, and the Arrerages of the same not done or payed to the Queenes Highnesse.

And also excepted all penalties, tytles and forfeytures of condition or conditions, Couenaunt or Couenauntes accrued or growen to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of the breache and not performing of any Couenant or Condition whatsoeuer.

And also excepted all summes of money graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, or to any her Noble Progenitours, by way or meane of Subsidie, fifteene or otherwise.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all debtes which were or be due to our Soueraygne Lady the Queene, or to the most Noble King of famous memory King Henry the seuenth, or to King Henry the eyght, King Edwarde the sixt, or to the late Queene Marie, or to any person or persons to any of their vses, by any condemnation, Recognisaunce, Obligation or otherwise (other then such debtes as are due vpon any Obligation or Recognisaunce forfeyted before the sayde first day of January, for non apparaunce in any Court or other place whatsoeuer, or for not keeping of the peace, or not beyng of good behauiour) which debtes growen or accrued vpon those causes, by this free Pardon be and shalbe cleerely pardoned and discharged.

And also excepted and foreprised out of this Pardon, all and singuler

singuler penalties, forfeytures and summes of money, beyng due or accrued to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, by reason of any Acte, statute or statutes, which forfeytures, penalties and summes of money be conuerted into the nature of debt, by any Iudgement, order or decree, or by the agreement of the offender or offenders.

And also except all first fruites and Tenthes at this present being due to be payed to her Maiestie, by force of any Acte or Statute, or otherwise.

And also except all penalties and forfeytures, whereof there is any good Verdicte in any Iute giuen or past for the Queenes Maiestie.

And also excepted all forfeytures, and other penalties and profites nowe due, accrued or growen, or which shall or may bee due, accrue or growe to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any offence, misdemeanour or contempt, or other acte or deede, had, suffred, cõmitted or done cõtrary to any act, statute or statutes, or contrary to the common Lawes of this Realme, and whereof any action, byll, playnt or information before the first day of this Session of Parliament, hath bene exhibited, commenced or sued in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courtes at Westminster, and is nowe there depending.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all offences of periurie and subornation of witnesses, and all offentes of forging and counterfeyting of any false deedes, escriptes or writings, and all procuring or counselling of any such counterfeyting or forging to be had or made.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euery offence or offences touching or concerning the carying, sending, or cõueying ouer the seas or out of this Realme, of any golde, siluer, iewell or any coyne of golde or siluer, contrary to the lawes or statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were or be by ỹ Queenes licence.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all offences of incest, adultrie and fornication.

And also excepted all offences, whereby any person may bee charged with the penaltie and danger of præmunire, and of the which offence or offences any person standeth already indicted, or otherwise lawfully condemned or conuicted.

And also excepte out of this generall pardon, all offences, contempts, disorders, couins, fraudes, deceites and misdemeanours whatsoeuer heretofore cõmitted or done by any person or persons, and whereof or for the which, any Iute by byll, playnt or information, or any time within foure yeres next before the last

day of this present Session of Parliament, hath bene or is commenced or exhibited in the Court of Starre Chamber at Westminster, and there is yet depending.

And also except and forepriſed out of this pardon, all iſſues, fines and amerciamentes, aſſerred, tared, ſette, extreated or entered ſeuerally or particularly touching or concerning any one perſon or moe perſons ioyntly or ſeuerally, being aboue ỳ ſumme of fiue pounde.

And also except all iſſues, fines and amerciaments returned, aſſetred, tared, ſette or entered ſeuerally or particularly in any Court of Record at Weſtminſter, at any time ſithence ỳ firſt day of Michaelmas terme laſt paſt.

And yet neuertheleſſe all other fines, as wel fines pro licentia concordandi, as other ſette, tared, eſtreated or entred before the ſayd firſt day of Michaelmas terme laſt paſt, And also al iſſues, fines and amerciaments, aſwell reall as other, eyther within any liberties or without, being ſette, tared, eſtreated or entred before the ſaids firſt day of Michaelmas terme, and which ſeuerally or particularly extende to the ſumme of fiue pounde, and not aboue, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of ỳ Sheriffe, or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated, or whether they be turned into debt or not turned into debt, and not being leuied nor receiued by any Sheriffe, vnder Sheriffe, Bailiffe, miniſter or other officer or officers, to the Queenes Maieſties vſe before the laſt day of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhalbefreely, clearely and plainely pardoned and diſcharged againſt the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres and ſucceſſours for euer, by force of this preſent Acte of free pardon.

And yet neuertheleſſe all extreates of ſuch fines, iſſues and amerciaments, as be now pardoned by this Acte, and which be alreadie extreated fourth of the Court of Exchequer, and be remaining in the handes of the Sheriffes, vnder Sheriffes or Bailiffes for collecting of the ſame fines, iſſues and amerciaments, ſhall vpon the returne of the ſame extreates, be orderly charged and deliuered by Ierowes into the office of the Pipe in the Court of Exchequer, as heretofore hath bene accuſtomed, to the intent that thereupon order may be taken, that her Maieſtie may be the more truely anſwered of all ſuch fines, iſſues and amerciaments not by this Acte pardoned, and which any Sheriffe, vnder Sheriffe, Bailiffe or other officer or miniſter hath receyued by force or colour of any ſuch extreate, proceſſe or precept to him or thē made for the leuying therof: And yet that notwithſtanding, all and euery Sheriffe and Sheriffes, and other

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accomptant vpon his or their petition or petitions to be made for the allowance of any such fines, issues and amerciaments as by this Acte is pardoned, shall haue all and euery such his and their petition allowed in his account, without paying any fee or reward to any officer, clarke, or other minister, for the making, entring or allowing of any such petition or petitions, any vsage or custome to the contrary there of not withstanding.

And also except out of this pardon, al goods, cattels, debts, actions & suites already forfeited, or wher of any right or title is accrued or growē to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any outlawry, and wher of the Queenes Maiestie by her Highnesse letters Patentes, hath before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, made any graunt, couenaunt or promise to any person or persons.

And also except all false forging or counterfeyting of any Commission or Commissions to enquire of any Landes, Tenementes or Hereditaments, And also al false forging or counterfeyting of any vntrue Certificate or returne of any Commission or Commissions obtayned or gotten forth of any Courte or Courts, to enquire of any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other things whatsoeuer.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all such persons that be, and remaine stil attaynted or condemned, and not already pardoned of and for any rebellion, or leuying of warre, or of or for any conspiracie of any rebellion, or leuying of warre within this Realme, or in any the Queenes Dominions.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that it shall and may bee lawfull to all and euery Clarke and other Officer of the Queenes Courtes, to awarde and make Writtes of Capias vt legat. at the suite of the partie playntife against such persons outlawed as be pardoned by this acte, to the intent to compell the defendant and defendants, to make answere to the playntife or playntifes, at whose suite he or they were outlawed, and that euery person so outlawed, shall sue a writte of Scire fac. against the partie or parties, at whose suite he or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shalbe allowed to him that so is outlawed.

Prouided also, that this Acte of generall pardon, shall not in any wise extende to any person or persons, which the last daye of this present Session of Parliament, be by force of any commaundement remayning in any prison, or in any other place in speciall custodie, as persons restrayned from libertie, for their obstinacie and disobedience, in refusing to come to the Church to heare Di-

uine seruice, or for any other matter or cause touching their wilfull obstinacie and disobedience in causes of religion or doctrine now lawfully established within this Realme, but that they and euery of them, for so long time as they shall so still continue in such their wilfull obstinacie and disobedience, shall be excepted and forexpised out of this generall pardon.

And yet neuertheless, whensoeuer the sayde persons or any of them shall willingly submitte themselues in their due obedience to her Maiestie, and will come to the Church to heare Diuine seruice, and willingly refuse their sayde wilfull obstinacie, and conforme themselues in the sayde causes of religion and doctrine, and continue in such their conformitie and due obedience to her Maiestie according as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme they ought to doe, that then and from thencefoorth all and euery such person and persons so submitting and yeelding themselues in their due obedience towardes her Maiestie, and so continuing in the same, shall forthwith be receyued and enabled by force of this Acte, to haue and enioy the full benefite of this generall pardon, as largely and fully in al respects, as any other of her Maiesties good subiectes haue or ought to enioye, by vertue of this Acte of generall pardon.

And also except out of this generall pardon, all such persons as the last day of this present Session of Parliament be and remayne as persons restrayned from libertie in the custodie of any other person or persons by her Highnesse expresse commandement, for any offence or offences whatsoeuer.

And also except al other persons, which before the said last day of this Session of Parliament, haue bene, are, or hereafter shall be vpon iust cause impeached or accused of or for any such like offence or offences, wherewith those persons nowe restrayned as aforesayde, be or shalbe charged.

And also all other offences, wherewith any of those persons so impeached or accused, be or shalbe iustly charged.

And also except all offences committed or done by any person or persons, contrary to the forme and effect of the Statute made in the first yere of her Maiesties reygne, touching the vniformitie of Common Prayer, & the administration of Sacramentes in the Church, and whereof any person or persons at any time, since the twentieth day of June last past haue bene, or is lawfully indicted or conuicted,

A Table of certaine Actes of this Seſsion of Parliament begun the xvi. of Ianuarie, and continued vntill the xviii. of March, in the xxiii. yeere of the Queenes Maieſties moſt proſperous reigne, and not printed.

13 An acte for the Inning of Earith & Plumſted Marſh. This Act by ſpecial ſuite is alſo printed.

1 An acte for the partition of certaine lands betweene the Coheires of the Lorde Latimer.

2 An acte for the reedifying of the Towne of Cringleford nere the Citie of Norwich.

3 An acte for the naturalizing of certaine Engliſh mens children borne beyonde the ſeas.

4 An acte for the perfecting of aſſurances of certaine lands for the maintenance of a free Grammer Schole within the City of Couentrie.

5 An acte for the eſtabliſhing of an agreement betweene Sir Henry Neuill Knight, and Dame Anne Greſham widowe, for the better performing of the laſt will of Sir Thomas Greſham Knight deceaſed, and for the payment of his debts.

6 An acte for the aſſurance of a rent of foureſcore and two poundes, and ten ſhillings, to the Biſhop of Couentrie and Lichfielde.

7 An act for the reſtitution in blood of Philip Earle of Arundel.

8 An act of pardon and reſtitution in blood of John Seintleger and Dudley Seintleger.

9 An act for the reſtitution in blood of Anthonie Maynie Eſquire.

10 An act for the aſſurance of certaine landes of the Lorde Compton.

11 An act ratifying a decree and an awarde in the Chauncerie touching certeine Copieholders, and Cuſtomarie Tenaunts of ye Mannours of Moore, Newnam, Lyndrich, Knighton, & Penſockes in the Countie of Worceſter.

12 An act that Gauelkinde landes within the Citie of Exceter may be inheritable as landes at the common Lawe.

13 An act for ratifying of an awarde made betweene William Hide and William Darell Eſquires.

14 An act concerning the Hoſpitall of Ledbury in the Countie of Hereford.

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